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Aquanaut Janet Nestlerode '91 gathers data on an *Aquarius* mission. (See page 2.)

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Dear Friends:

In March a consultant team from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS) visited Mary Washington College for the decennial reaffirmation of MWC's accreditation. In addition to a detailed compliance audit, the SACS team reviewed the College's Self-Study for the move to university status, assessing the opportunities and demands, ordering priorities, and safeguarding existing strengths. While we have not yet received the written report, I am pleased to say that the exit interview with the SACS team was most positive, as they likened themselves to cheerleaders, wholeheartedly endorsing the move to university status and commending the courage, tenacity and innovativeness of our approach designed to preserve the name and liberal arts tradition at Mary Washington College while expanding aggressively at the James Monroe Center to meet the graduate and professional needs of the citizens of this rapidly expanding area.

The Self-Study report recommends a change in the status of the James Monroe Center to James Monroe College. With over 90 graduates from JMC this spring, and greater numbers anticipated each year, I believe this recommendation is appropriate. At the request of the graduates, they have processed in a separate commencement ceremony at JMC this year. With two very distinct campuses, the need for university status becomes increasingly evident. Elsewhere in this issue you will read about the committee established to recommend a name for the university. The committee is chaired by the president of the MWC Alumni Association, Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70, and consists of representatives from the MWC Alumni Board, Board of Visitors, Foundation Board, faculty and students, and the Fredericksburg community.

Construction of the Alumni Executive Center is underway and the Leadership Campaign for that project is nearing its goal. However, both large and small financial contributions are still needed to add the finishing touches to this handsome facility. Gifts-in-kind and dollars for furnishings are welcome, and will be formally recognized in a leather-bound journal in the foyer of Trench Hill when it opens in June 2004. Please contact my office at (540) 654-1301 if you would like an information packet showing specific furnishings that are needed. It will be most special to have antique furniture and carpets from our alumni in their new home.

With all best wishes, I am

Sincerely,

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ALUMNAE AQUANAUTS

BY JANET NESTLERODE '91 AND KRISTEN DELANO '92

Aquanauts returning to Aquarius after a long work dive

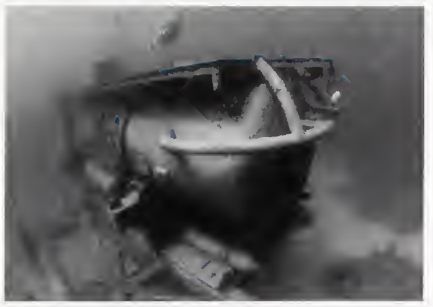
It was another one of those warm, sunny Florida days that makes you think it wouldn't be so bad to be stranded on a desert island. Our class headed out from the SeaCamp compound and followed a path down to the water's edge to take a "walking" tour of the shallow channel that flanked Big Pine Key. We waded through the crystal blue waters of the channel looking for any signs of life that we could waylay for a few moments to identify, all the while dodging undulating jellyfish, which perched upside down on the channel's bottom like little pink land mines spread across the seascape.

That was 1990, and we were students at Mary Washington in Dr. Dan Abel's Marine Ecology class. It was then that we got our first taste of the marine world. Now it's 2003, and we are each finishing up graduate degrees at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science (VIMS) of the College of William and Mary. We're still investigating the marine realm, only instead of wading through shallow channels and snorkeling on shallow reefs as hopeful young undergraduates, we now find ourselves seasoned scientists chosen to be 'aquanauts' in one of the most exciting and challenging opportunities in marine science — *Aquarius*!

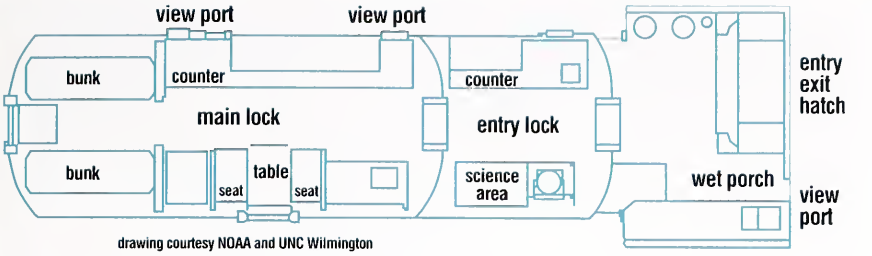
Aquarius is the world's only underwater laboratory dedicated to research and exploration. In the history of underwater habitats only a small subset of scientists who dive have ever achieved the illustrious aquanaut designation by living and working underwater for more than 24 hours. The principal investigator on our missions, Dr. Mark Patterson of VIMS/College of William and Mary, has worked from *Aquarius* many times during his career, and for his most recent mission in November 2002, he asked us, along with five other scientists, to participate in a study investigating coral bleaching and oxygen dynamics in the reef system directly adjacent to *Aquarius*. During the project's first year, Janet was one of four VIMS scientists to live in and work from *Aquarius* for 10 days, and Kristen was a surface-support diver. In July 2003, Kristen will join Janet as part of Patterson's aquanaut team inside *Aquarius* for another 10-day mission.

Aquarius is owned by the National Oceanographic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) and is operated by the National Undersea Research Center (NURC) at the University of North Carolina at Wilmington (UNCW). The habitat sits at a depth of 63 feet and is located about three and a half miles off the coast of Key Largo, Fla., in a sand patch adjacent to deep coral reefs in the Florida Keys National Marine Sanctuary. The laboratory has support legs, which are attached to a baseplate on the seafloor. This holds *Aquarius* about 13 feet off the bottom so that the actual depth for those inside the laboratory is about 50 feet. Located inside this yellow 81-ton mass of metal tubes are all the comforts of home, only cramped into an interior about the size of a school bus. *Aquarius* accommodates six-person teams (four scientists and two habitat-support technicians). There are six bunks, a shower and toilet, instant hot water, a microwave, a trash compactor, a refrigerator, air conditioning (this helps to keep down the humidity inside), and even computers and live Web-cams linked to network servers onshore using wireless telemetry!

As scientists in *Aquarius*, we are able to live and work from the underwater habitat for days or weeks at a time, using a special technique called "saturation



Aquarius *is located on Conch Reef near Key Largo, Florida.*



The Aquarius *laboratory sits 50 feet below the surface and can accommodate up to six people. Within its 400-square feet of living space, missions typically last 10 days.* Aquarius *has served as a base for over 70 missions, with a 120-ton base plate keeping* Aquarius *anchored to the bottom of the sea. A buoy on the surface is connected to* Aquarius *with an enormous umbilical cable that connects the aquanauts inside to the outside world with a phone and the Internet.*

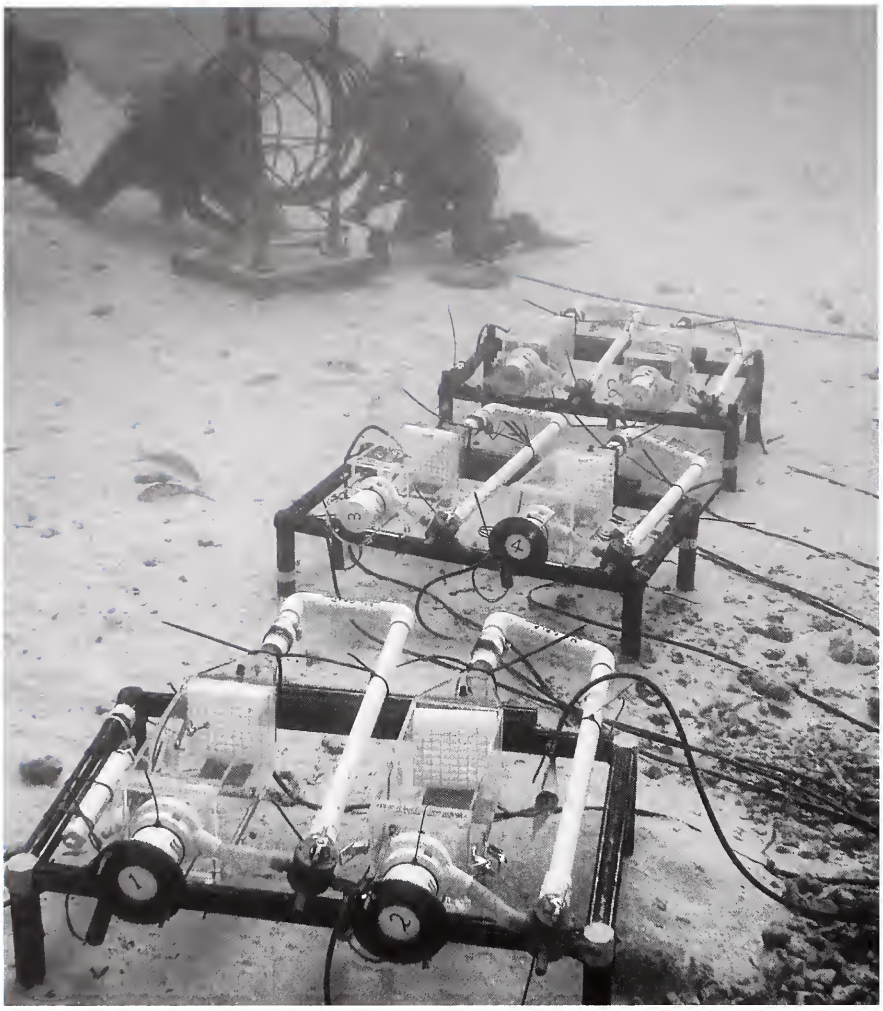
diving." Saturation diving permits us to escape the limitations of conventional surface-based scuba diving by allowing gases to accumulate in our blood and tissues until no more gas can dissolve into our systems. Our tissues are then *saturated* with nitrogen. Once the saturation point is reached, we cannot go shallower than our storage depth of 50 feet. If we do, we risk that the nitrogen dissolved in our blood and tissues will "bubble out" of solution and become trapped in our joints and blood vessels, causing a life threatening case of "the bends." In order to return to the surface, we must go through decompression: The diver is slowly brought back to surface pressure so that excess nitrogen gradually leaves tissues, enters the blood stream, and then travels to the lungs, where it is exhaled. The time it takes to decompress is the same, no matter how long we stay at depth, whether it is a minute, hour, day or week. In *Aquarius*, we undergo decompression on the final day of our mission, a process that takes 17 hours! The pressure inside *Aquarius* is slowly reduced from depth (the pressure at 50 feet is 2.5 times surface pressure) back to surface pressure. At the end of decompression, the aquanauts "blow down" again to the pressure at depth in the entry lock, are met by ascent divers in the wet porch, and are escorted to the surface, where they are picked up by boats and returned to shore.

During the initial stages of decompression, aquanauts breathe pure oxygen to help reduce the nitrogen load in their tissues.

Because our bodies are saturated with nitrogen during our time in *Aquarius*, we use special dive tables that greatly increase our allowable bottom time to nearly 10 times greater than what is permissible using conventional surface-based dive tables. An average day of diving from *Aquarius* usually includes a three-to-six hour dive to a maximum depth of 95 feet in the morning, followed by an interval inside *Aquarius* when we eat lunch (four hours are required to obtain maximum bottom time on the second dive). We dive again in the afternoon for up to three hours, which gives us a total of as many as nine hours of bottom time a day! A typical 10-day *Aquarius* mission would take more than 60 days if conducted using surface-based scuba techniques. *Aquarius* saves scientists time and money and is, therefore, a highly desirable platform from which to conduct research.

Given the inherent dangers associated with this type of diving and the amount of time the aquanauts spend diving every day, *Aquarius* is definitely not a leisurely vacation for researchers! As aquanaut-candidates, we undergo a week of rigorous training prior to our mission, in which we learn new diving techniques and how to use gear we've never used before. Aquanauts use a complicated and very heavy cave diving rig with twin steel tanks, each larger than those commonly used singly by recreational divers. We learn how to isolate and shut down the different components of our breathing systems to overcome potential gear malfunctions and how to share air with our dive buddies in the event of a total breathing gear failure. We learn to navigate the reef using compasses and cave diving reels, and we are taught the proper procedures for finding a lost excursion line or dive buddy — with our masks off! We learn to rely on our buddies and to work as a team to accomplish even the simplest of tasks, which are astoundingly more complicated underwater than on dry land.

Kristen Delano (left) and Janet Nestlerode (right) warm up with hot chocolate and tea at the main lock dining table inside Aquarius.



Corals were placed in experimental chambers (foreground) to test the effects of water temperature on coral bleaching patterns and processes.

During Dr. Patterson's November 2002 mission, the aquanauts used a handheld device to make measurements of oxygen very close to the reef, and the results were surprising — oxygen is distributed in *patches* over reefs. This was a surprise, as oceanographers had assumed that reefs would be well-mixed environments. While it is true that reefs have lots of mixing from waves and currents, oxygen can change dramatically over very short distances. The aquanaut team discovered that over both coral reefs and adjacent sand plains there is a rapid build-up of oxygen shortly after sunrise in a layer of water only an inch or two thick. The process of photosynthesis, which occurs in symbiotic algae living within the corals, is most likely responsible for this buildup. The researchers are trying to understand how much depth, currents, and time of day affect the release of oxygen by photosynthesis and where it ends up over the reef. During the second year of the study (July 2003 mission), the scientists hope to gather more data during the hours of darkness, when the process of respiration dramatically decreases the oxygen availability. The goal is to develop a method to measure reef metabolism (the rate at which the reef photosynthesizes and respires) by using a free-swimming robot to make measurements over large areas of reef tracts. Because dissolved oxygen is a very important measure of water quality, developing a better understanding of oxygen dynamics and how to measure them will help efforts aimed at improving water quality over coral reefs.

The goal of an *Aquarius* mission is to spend as little time inside the habitat as possible. The more time spent outside diving, the more research is accomplished. When inside, aquanauts spend a lot of time sleeping and eating (diving and living at depth burns lots of calories, so we eat frequently. Our meals consist of freeze-dried camp food cooked in the microwave, but we also eat a lot of candy). The food is great, but the view outside the galley porthole is better than any five-star restaurant in the world. Barracuda, grouper, parrotfish and schools of jacks,

Kristen collects coral tissue samples using a syringe.

grunts and snappers cruise by the porthole, providing a constantly changing tapestry of scales, eyes, and fins. As visitors in their world, being inside *Aquarius* is a bit like being on the other side of the aquarium glass, only this time the fish are looking in at us.

Living under the sea for 10 days is one of the most incredible experiences a marine scientist can have, and we are very fortunate to have another opportunity to inhabit our underwater home! More information about the past November 2002 mission and our upcoming July 2003 mission is posted on the *Aquarius* Web site: http://www.uncwil.edu/nurc/aquarius/. You can even tune in to the live Webcams July 14-23, 2003.

Our career paths were greatly influenced and shaped by our time at Mary Washington, due in part to the outstanding liberal arts and sciences curriculum that provides a solid, broad knowledge base upon which we've built our postgraduate work, and in part to the mentoring base provided by one of MWC's biology faculty at that time, Dr. Dan Abel. Dr. Abel's background was in marine science, which provided an invaluable source of information on the field and the opportunity to assist with his research projects. The Marine Ecology summer course we took as undergraduates at MWC gave us the opportunity to "test the waters" of marine science and probably predestined us for our careers — and boy, look how far we've come!

Janet Nestlerode '91 is completing her Ph.D. in marine science this spring at the Virginia Institute of Marine Science of the College of William and Mary, and Kristen Delano '92 is completing her M.S. in marine science there this summer.

turning little facts into big truths

BY W. GARDNER CAMPBELL

At the podium in the middle distance, Ken Burns looks like a graduate student with a Beatles haircut: dark pants, black sport coat, black sweater with a gray American flag on the front atop a white open-collared dress shirt. "Listen," he exhorts us, and begins to tell his stories of Jackie Robinson, Louis Armstrong, Abraham Lincoln, Robert E. Lee, Yogi Berra; of ordinary Americans who've written to him about his work, especially what he calls his "trilogy" of The Civil War, Baseball, *and* Jazz. *"Listen," he urges again. "We have as a culture ignored the joyful noise of those past voices. Listen to the echoes of a wise past."*

Caught up in Burns' incantation, a rapt audience listened to these echoes in Dodd Auditorium during a snowy evening last February 26. Despite the weather, despite an earlier postponement due to a bout with the flu, Ken Burns had arrived at last for his appearance at the Fredericksburg Forum. Ed Jones, editor of The Free-Lance Star *and moderator of the evening's events, introduced Burns by praising him for taking "little facts and turning them into big truths." And for the next hour, Ken Burns shared those big truths with us. Although he was speaking from notes, he would often close his eyes for an instant, as if he were watching a film in his mind, or trying to catch another of those past voices. Throughout, Burns spoke with the voice of a student who's just come back from a class that's set his mind on fire — and driven him to share those discoveries with all those around him.*

That fire burned brightly from the moment Burns stepped onto the campus earlier that afternoon, moving without pause from the Amtrak station to the Woodard Campus Center, where he had a full schedule of interviews and a large master class of eager students. As it turned out, I was the first to interview him. I expected travel fatigue, small talk, distractions. Instead, I got focused attention, thoughtful candor, and passionate, committed answers. Here are some excerpts from that interview.

CAMPBELL: How do you reconcile the storyteller's desire to touch the "mystic chords of memory," as Lincoln put it, with the need for objectivity and factual accuracy in your documentaries?

BURNS: I'm not sure the mystic chords of memory are necessarily at odds with an objective history.... It really just becomes, at the end of the day, not whether you're objective, but whether you have, in my case, arranged the truths artfully so that one could, through their artful arrangement, create something that suggested a higher purpose. I think that's where Lincoln's mystic chords of memory come in. It's what we're all looking for: that which harmonizes. Remember, his chords are not c-o-r-d-s that bind, but they're c-h-o-r-d-s, as if there might be some musical, some celestial harmony that human beings could be attuned to.

CAMPBELL: So at the basis of what you're saying is a fundamental belief that life can make sense if it's looked at steadily enough?

BURNS: Yes. We certainly live in an age — and I'm sure every age has felt this — where the randomness of events, both good and bad, suggests a world without pattern. But I think it is in fact the province of religion, of knowledge, which would include history, of art, of science, to try to find the pattern, and try to find the order. And I think in my own small little way, that's what we're trying to do: find ... some order in the affairs of human beings, in the tides of historical fortune, in how people conduct themselves individually.

CAMPBELL: Do you ever catch yourself imposing, rather than discovering, a pattern?

BURNS: Of course.... But I think the style that we've set up for ourselves, which is quite different from many of our contemporaries who commission a script after a research period and then basically film the script and edit that — we are not in the business of telling you what we already know, but sharing with you our process of discovery. And that allows of course the second thing to happen, which is for the material to speak.

In fact our research period goes on from the moment we begin a project to the day it's over. Our writing period takes place from the beginning of the project. We shoot from the beginning to the end. It makes it a much more cumbersome process, but one that I think yields up a combination of "free electrons," if you will, that permit other people to participate in the joy of our process, and I think to some extent create a "half life" for these projects that is the reason they survive.

CAMPBELL: So it's not as clear to see the pre-production, production, post-production phases in your work ...

BURNS: No.

CAMPBELL: ... as it might be in more conventional types of filmmaking?

BURNS: Conventional types of filmmaking, as Hollywood will tell you, they call it "the industry" or "the business." Well I'm not in the industry. I'm not in the business. I'm not making a widget. I'm not stamping out a product. I'm curious about the most traumatic event in the life of our country: the Civil War. I'm interested in the only art form Americans have created: jazz. I'm interested in our so-called "national pastime," how it got to be where it is. So these are questions that exist on an emotional and an intellectual level, and the byproduct of my exercise of those parts of myself — and a great physical demand — is the creation of these films that exist partly in the marketplace and partly outside of the marketplace.

CAMPBELL: Many academic historians believe that traditional histories focus too much on individual greatness. A lot of your work centers on the stories of extraordinary individuals. Do you think the idea of individual greatness has a place in American democracy, and if so, what is that place?

BURNS: I think individual greatness has a central place.... Thomas Carlyle said, "history is biography," and certainly as you point out the constituent building blocks of my work are biographies, and in some cases the entire work is a biography of someone, looking to greatness to give example.

The academy is quite right to be frightened of biography, because in the wrong hands it does tend towards what we call hagiography or hero-worship, and it becomes a dangerous thing in which we see all of historical phenomena as being a product of the exercise of an individual or individuals' will. That doesn't happen. Individuals are in turn shaped by forces and they do, in cases, shape forces. But we are ourselves human beings.... And the thing that human beings are most interested in is other human beings. So necessarily one realizes that one of the agencies of historical communication, particularly in a broad popular sense, is through biography ... the life of people.

I haven't come across any biography of a great person in which I [haven't] felt that they were probably not as great as the person made them out to be, no matter how reasonable they were able

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to make their faults. And I think the difference between the truth of their life, whatever that is, and this biography, is what we wish for ourselves.... When we say, "we hope the whole will be greater than the sum of the parts," we never actually examine what we're saying. We want to add up the sum of the parts and then add up the whole, and we never ask ourselves "what is the difference?" "What is that 'more'?" Well, I'm interested in that "more," and I'm interested in pointing towards it. So Lincoln isn't as great as we make him out to be. He's *almost* as great, and the difference is what we wish for ourselves. We wish ourselves to be great.

It is true that for the last 50 years or so, narrative and biography have been the enemy [in the academy]. But in point of fact, the academy has only been defining what history is for the last hundred years. Before that, history was a very vast, broad human enterprise. And our most ... important historians were popular writers who were concerned with reaching people. The academy has abdicated the reaching of people in the pursuit of history. And that has been to the detriment not only of the academy — that is to say, developing a kind of myopia and a conservativism, believe it or not, in their toleration of views and the ability to encompass many points of view, which is paradoxically what my superficial medium of film is able to do in a civil war, in which you treat it as a complex family drama — but they've also failed the populace which needs to be informed, that has to be told its histories.

CAMPBELL: Do you think American education is doing a good job of preparing its citizens for democracy?

BURNS: It is not in any way. In fact, American education has almost abdicated its responsibility in the creation of citizens. And if they don't do it, I don't know who will, besides parents, and parents are often themselves ill-equipped.

CAMPBELL: Why do you think that's happened, and what do you think the remedies might be?

BURNS: It's happened for a couple of reasons. One, the teachers aren't very good; they're not committed to teaching people, and schools have become largely warehouses for child care. Second, television, the thing that I do, is the most corrosive and dangerous medium that we have yet invented, and it has the terrible aspect of corroding our national attention. People watch television for many, many hours a day, and it's not so much that they're devoting their attention to something; the problem is that they're not devoting their attention. They'll look at something for six to eight minutes and then they're interrupted and sold six to eight things. There's no way you can develop attention. And attention is in fact what delivers you to information, what delivers you to knowledge, that permits you to synthesize different points of view and to remember things.

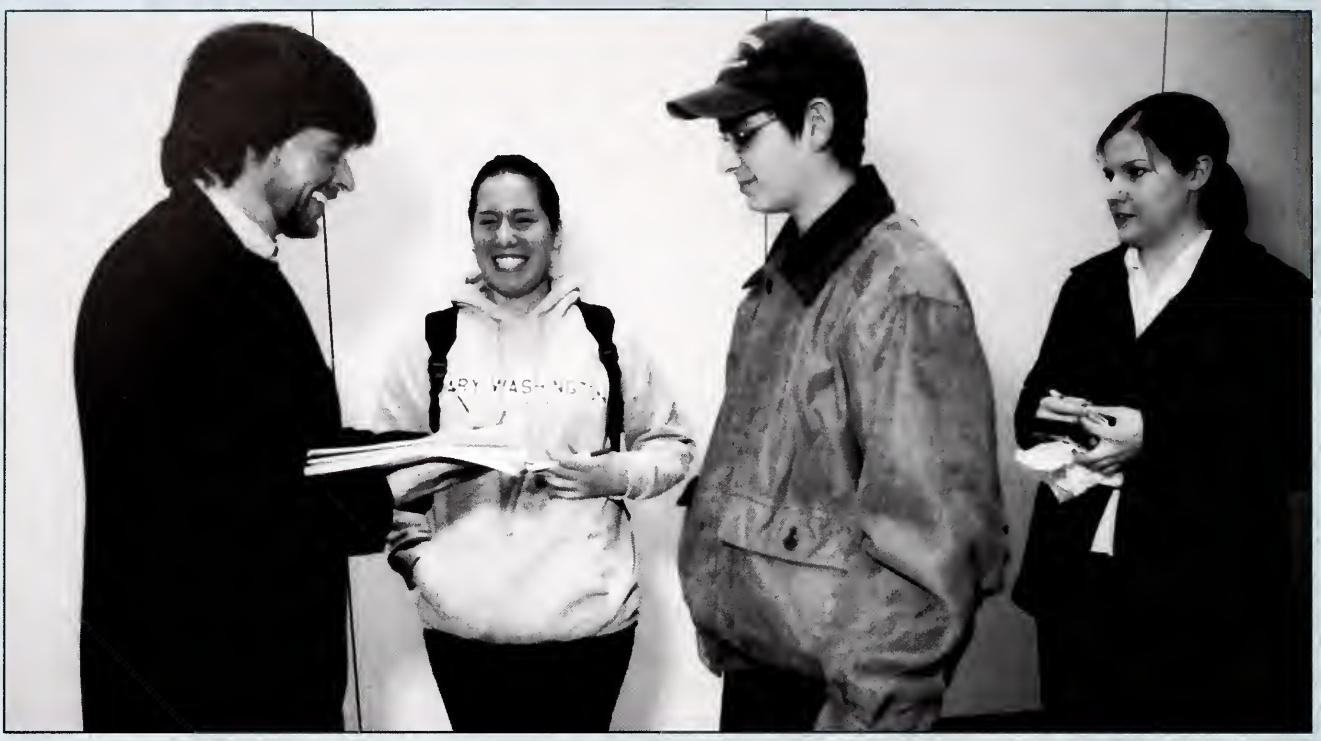
CAMPBELL: This is a failure then, not only of public education but of the way Americans think about education?

BURNS: Absolutely.... We have abdicated our society to those who are the most powerful consumers ... and they're not interested in [education]. So everyone — corporations, politicians, as well as teachers and parents — abdicate in the face of this tremendous buying power, which will one day prove to be not as important as having an informed, and literate, and *thinking* citizenry.

CAMPBELL: Is there any way to reconcile late-stage global capitalism with a genuine concern for social and public policy?

BURNS: Just individual people trying to make a difference, and that goes back to whether people can do something or not. I yell about it all the time. If you get one kid to get interested in the Civil War and find out where we're from, then that's one kid better.

CAMPBELL: Much of your work, then, is implicitly about education ...



BURNS: Right.

CAMPBELL: ... have you thought about doing a documentary on the story of education in America?

BURNS: No, no. It's just like people [who] come and approach me with the idea of doing a film on the writing of the Constitution. I say, "I don't want to make a film whose images are all green felt tables and white quill pens coming out of inkwells." Nobody likes that. That's boring. But I've made a film about the Constitution with every film I've done.... That's how real education comes: indirectly. When we focus on "this is what the problem is, we've got to do that," you end up not having as great a response. It's the old adage: You've got to teach a person to fish, not just hand them a fish.

CAMPBELL: And you have to make sure that abstractions emerge from particulars?

BURNS: Absolutely. And they always do. And that's the interesting thing: quite often if you take an essayistic or didactic approach to a subject, you often lose the very glue that makes that subject stick in the mind of the initiate. But if you focus on story and individuals, you often are then able to bring along these very complex themes. There's no person who could look at my Civil War series and complain that it is not chock-a-block with important themes. It's just that those people who eschew narrative and eschew biography somehow see it just *a priori* [as] flawed because it's that approach, forgetting that all of the things they rail about are in fact in there.

CAMPBELL: One last question. In your commencement address to the 1987 graduates of Hampshire College, you said, "Avoid the word 'career' and even 'profession.' They're concerned with money and position. Continue to investigate." To what extent has the course of your own life's work enabled you to follow that advice?

BURNS: Well, that advice was given to me by Robert Penn Warren, who said, "careerism is death." And I have, since he told me that in the early 1980s, eschewed the use of the word "career" unless I was speaking about the very topic you and I are now speaking about. And when I refer to "career" it's in a pejorative sense. "Profession," no: I've had a professional life. But I believe those words as strongly now, if not more strongly than before. You have to do, as Emerson said [in "Self Reliance"], whatever "inly rejoices." That doesn't necessarily mean following some career path. I mean, my "career path" is to have left after "The Civil War" to [go to] Hollywood to make films. But we're now 13 years past the broadcast of "The Civil War," and I'm no closer to Hollywood. Thank the Lord.

CAMPBELL: And still "inly rejoicing"?

BURNS: And still "inly rejoicing." You bet.

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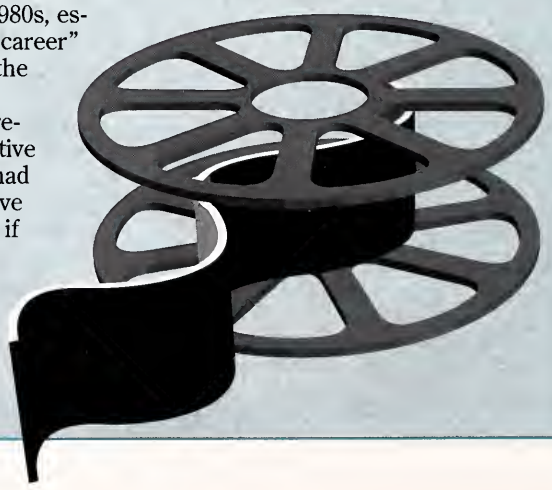


FREDERICKSBURG FORUM

BY W. GARDNER CAMPBELL

Thursday, March 27, 12:45 p.m., Great Hall, Woodard Campus Center, and there he sat: Frank McCourt. High-school teacher for 30 years in New York City. Veteran of the United States Armed Forces. Survivor of a poor and miserable Irish Catholic childhood in Limerick, Ireland. And at last, an author celebrated worldwide for his Pulitzer Prize-winning memoir, *Angela's Ashes*, a book that has sold over four million copies in 22 languages. The sequel, *'Tis*, was also a best-seller. The next book, an account of his high-school career titled *Teacher Man*, is underway and eagerly awaited. And there he sat, finishing his pie at the head table at the President's Book Club luncheon. Not *just* finishing his pie, of course, but talking, waving his arms, laughing, telling another story, and generally charming everyone within earshot. Charming, and maybe worrying them too: Frank McCourt's sense of humor can be very dry, and it's not always clear when he's having you on. One of the first things he did when he went to the podium for his after-lunch speech was to tell a long story about iced tea, the American South, and his great disappointment during another college visit when a tray of full wine-glasses passed him by without stopping. People in the Great Hall laughed a little nervously and looked at each other. Was he serious? Was he saying he wanted some wine? Was he merely poking fun, either at himself or at the South or at the stereotype of Irishmen and their incessant drinking? All of the above?

It's hard not to look closely into Frank McCourt's eyes, hard not to try to read his mind. He is, after all, a man who seems to want to share his mind with you. (Isn't that why memoirists tell their stories?) Yet when you look into those eyes, try-

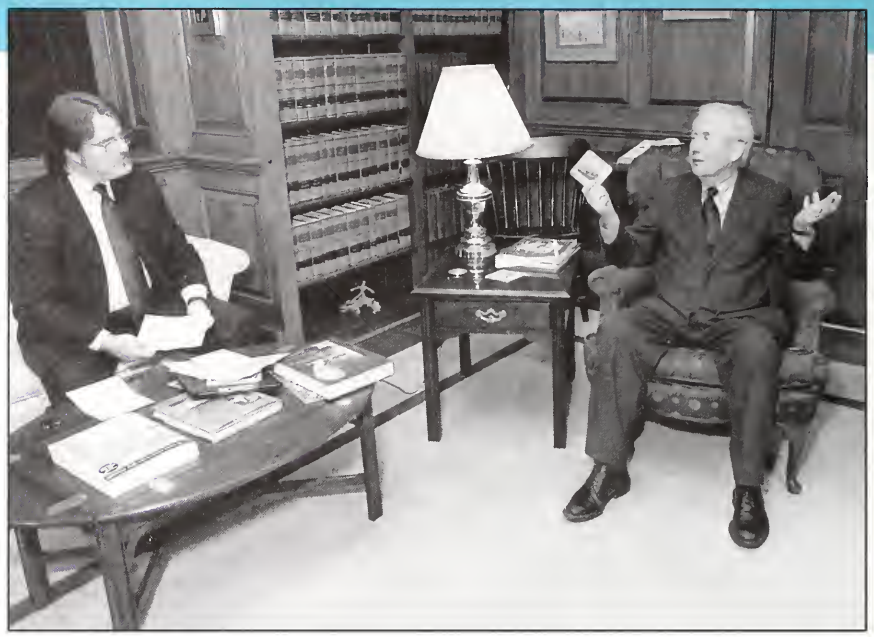
ing to peer into him, what you find is a teasing mixture of revelation and indirection. If eyes can be hooded and wide-open at the same time, then Frank McCourt has mastered that art as well as he's mastered the art of writing.

Nothing is lost on him. One moment he'll be playing the crowd, and the next minute you discover he's paid exquisite attention to an offhand remark he heard five minutes before. If he detects a moment of shyness in conversation, he moves with all the deftness of a practiced teacher to bring the shy one out of his or her shell and into a circle of remembrance. At the afternoon sound check for the Fredericksburg Forum, for example, he cured one person of mike fright by asking a simple question: "Do you remember the theme of your high-school prom?" Fifteen minutes later, as he made his way to his dinner at Brompton, he left behind a knot of people eagerly talking to one another about the shared and distinct rhythms of their lives. Perhaps Frank McCourt was smiling as he walked away.

That night in the President's Office, waiting for the beginning of the Fredericksburg Forum, McCourt refused to look over the questions audience members had submitted. "You pick them," he told me (I was the moderator for the evening). "I don't want to see them ahead of time. If I do, I'll think of something very clever to say, and it'll be phony. I have to be careful of the phony streak in me." He shook his head a little mournfully, then turned to Dean of the Faculty Phil Hall and began to talk about teaching.

Moments later he was telling stories onstage in Dodd Auditorium. He told us stories about how his high-school English students challenged him to do what he had inspired them to do. He told us how he wrote *Angela's Ashes,* and then how he met the extraordinary response of a world that took that book to heart. He told us stories of vacuuming in the nude (except for a cowboy hat). He told us about meeting the Pope and kissing his ring despite all the mixed feelings about Catholicism he'd had since childhood. He told us stories about working with an incompetent and meddling bureaucracy of high-school administrators. The more stories he told, the more the winter world outside Dodd Auditorium was transformed into a warm autumn evening of tear-streaked hilarity that no one wanted to end. As the speech led to the Q&A, and the Q&A wound its way to its end, the audience grew merrier and more thoughtful, imbibing McCourt's strange mixture of abandon and melancholy, satire and celebration.

Truth to tell, I think we all got a little drunk on Frank McCourt that night.



Frank McCourt (right) explains to Gardner Campbell that he does not want to see questions in advance. "If I do, I'll think of something very clever to say, and it'll be phony."

Members of the President's Book Club, including Vicky Nichols Wilder '80 (left), heard McCourt speak at a luncheon in the Great Hall.

Right: Untitled (Self-Portrait with Flower), oil on board

Far Right: Ladies Art Class, 1940s, oil on canvas board

CELEBRATING *A Cultural Milestone*

BY THOMAS P. SOMMA

On January 23, 2003, an exhibition titled *Phyllis Ridderhof Martin (1905-1993): A Life in Art* opened in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery at Mary Washington College. The exhibition, which ran through March 7, celebrated Ridderhof Martin Gallery's 10th anniversary by showcasing a select group of paintings and drawings by the important West Coast painter and Gallery benefactor, Phyllis Ridderhof Martin.

Phyllis Ridderhof Martin was a member of the Bay Area Figurative School of Painting, an art movement that developed in and around San Francisco during the late 1940s and 1950s. Also known as the California School of Painting, this group of West Coast artists combined figuration with the improvisational abstract expressionist styles then dominant in New York City. For Bay Area Figurative Painters like Ridderhof Martin, abstract expressionism was important for the technical and stylistic freedom that it provided. However, unlike the non-objective and deeply self-conscious subject matter of the New York School, the California artists preferred representative genres: the nude, the portrait, the still life, the interior and the landscape. Drawn from the permanent collection of Mary Washington College Galleries, this 10th anniversary exhibition featured some of the best examples of Ridderhof Martin's work from each of these different genres.

Ridderhof Martin was well trained in traditional painting and drawing techniques, and she mastered a variety of different mediums including charcoal, ink, watercolor and oils. Her best and most distinctive works evoke simple human dramas set against the hot, lush color backgrounds typical of the semitropical environment of central and southern California. Characteristic examples in the anniversary show included *My Patio*, 1958, *Survivor*, 1959, and *Widow*, early 1960s.

Ridderhof Martin also excelled in self-portraiture and in depictions of women artists at work. These themes were represented in the exhibition by *Lady Painters* and *Artist at an Easel*, both from the 1940s, *Self-Portrait with Flower*, *Self-Portrait Standing Holding a Brush*, and a series of late self-portraits in pencil. As a modern artist and a woman, Ridderhof Martin was ever aware of the aesthetic and cultural challenges that she faced in her determination to be accepted within what, for much of her career, was still a male-dominated profession. Painting or drawing her own image and those of other women artists at work not only offered Ridderhof Martin the opportunity to probe the mysteries and idiosyncrasies of the creative process, but also it provided her an important pathway to self-knowledge and empowerment as a professional female artist.

In 1988, Ridderhof Martin relocated to Fredericksburg, Va., to be near her son and daughter-in-law, longtime Fredericksburg residents David and Florence Ridderhof. In the spring of the following year, an exhibition titled *Phyllis Ridderhof Martin: A Wealth of Diversity* was shown at the Gari Melchers Memorial Gallery in Falmouth, Virginia. Ridderhof Martin soon developed a close professional relationship with the Mary Washington College Art Department; and, in April 1991 she presented a gift of $550,000 to the College for the purpose of building a new art gallery on the Fredericksburg campus. The opening reception for The Ridderhof Martin Gallery took place on April 12, 1992, with an inaugural exhibition of Ridderhof Martin's paintings and drawings. Phyllis Ridderhof Martin died at her home in Fredericksburg on April 29, 1993.

During the years that followed, most of Ridderhof Martin's large collection of her own drawings and paintings together with her library and many supporting documents and papers were given, through the kind generosity of the Ridderhof family, to Mary Washington College. And, over the last 10 years, the Gallery has become an increasingly significant cultural resource for the College as well as for the entire Fredericksburg community. The 10th anniversary exhibition provided, then, a most fitting opportunity for Mary Washington College Galleries not only to honor our major benefactor's life and work, but also to express our heartfelt gratitude to Florence Ridderhof and to the other members of the Ridderhof family for their support and continuing patronage.

Thomas P. Somma is director of the Mary Washington College Galleries.

MWC Takes Next Steps Toward University Name

BY TERESA JOERGER MANNIX '01

Mary Washington College has taken two important steps this spring in the transition to adopting a university name. First, President Anderson convened the College Image and University Name Committee, which will be meeting throughout the fall. In addition, the College's "Alternative Self-Study" on university status, prepared as part of the College's reaccreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools, has been completed and released.

The Committee

The College Image and University Name Committee includes 21 alumni, faculty, students, administrators, Board of Visitors members, Foundation Board members and local community leaders. The committee will study new and existing research, including the work of the College Image and Stafford Name Committee (1996-98), the College's "Alternative Self-Study" (2001-03), and data being collected by the nationally known higher education research firm Stamats Communications, in order to recommend to the president one or more university names for the institution. It also will review graphic presentations of logos and display applications of the preferred university names to make recommendations about them to President Anderson.

The committee, as well as President Anderson and the Board of Visitors, are dedicated to preserving the "Mary Washington College" name forever, and this provision has been included in the committee's formal "Charge and Assumptions." The addition of a university name will add a structure similar to when the College was known as "Mary Washington College of the University of Virginia" from 1944-1972. Under this model, the "James Monroe Center" in Stafford County would become "James Monroe College" as part of the same university. The committee is expected to make its final recommendations this winter.

The Self-Study

Every 10 years, the College conducts a self-study for its national reaccreditation. When the College began its self-study two years ago, a committee of 33 faculty members, 32 administrators and staff members, 10 students, a Board of Visitors member, an MWC Foundation member, two alumni and two representatives from the local community took on the charge of preparing an alternative self-study that focused on the College's move to university status.

It was their goal to produce a plan for Mary Washington College's transition from a single-campus college of the liberal arts and sciences to a multi-campus university serving not only traditional liberal arts students but also meeting the increasing demand for alternative educational opportunities. They also made it clear in their report that the university must not overshadow the unique qualities of either Mary Washington College or the James Monroe Center.

The alternative self-study, which can be found online at www.mwc.edu/sacs/reports/index.htm, offers many insights collected through research that included surveys of students, faculty and prospective students; focus groups with alumni and local community leaders; interviews with key administrators; and a review of other institutions that recently changed from college to university status.

Why University Status?

In the early 1990s, the Commonwealth of Virginia asked its public colleges and universities to prepare a report explaining how each institution would accommodate the expected increase in future enrollments, partly due to the surge of students then in the state's kindergarten through 12th grade systems. As other colleges and universities across the state drew up plans to expand and braced themselves for this inundation of thousands of undergraduate students, Mary Washington College worked on a solution that would allow it to meet both a growing demand for higher education and preserve its charm as a small, selective liberal arts college. The eventual answer was to open a separate campus in nearby Stafford County that would meet the increasing needs of local non-traditional students, particularly in the area of graduate study, while protecting and preserving the quality of the residential liberal arts campus in Fredericksburg.

When the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies of

Mary Washington College opened its doors in 1999, the college encountered a new level of institutional complexity. The college now had two campuses with two distinct missions that fell under the name "Mary Washington College." When the College Image and Stafford Name Committee proposed a name for the Stafford Campus in 1998, they also recommended that the College eventually select a university name for the institution, while preserving the separate and distinct names for each campus.

Under this structure, both campuses would function as a single university, sharing resources while each campus retains its distinctive name and identity. Mary Washington College's reputation as a strong, undergraduate, liberal arts college would not be confused with the James Monroe Center's growing reputation as a top-notch graduate school for Fredericksburg-area working professionals. Under the current structure, in which the James Monroe Center is considered part of Mary Washington College, the mission and reputation of each campus have increasingly become blurred.

With record enrollments each year forcing the James Monroe Center to operate at capacity, construction of a second academic building on the campus will soon be underway. Funding has been allocated for the second building, and architectural drawings are currently being prepared. Removing the Mary Washington College name from the center will ensure that the growing JMC programs will not overshadow the national reputation of the undergraduate MWC campus, which will remain capped at 4,000 students.

Another benefit of the university structure, according to the self-study, is the reduction of duplicated efforts at both campuses, as well as better institutional organization. After observing how Mary Washington College and the James Monroe Center have co-existed for the past four years, the committee recommended adding several university-level positions to maintain the efficient operation of the institution and safeguard the autonomy of the individual colleges. The undergirding university structure would focus on shared administrative resources, academic programs and services. Offices with shared responsibilities between the colleges include Admissions and Financial Aid, Registrar, Academic Services, Student Affairs, University Relations and Development, Library Services, Distance Learning and Information Technology. The President and the Board of Visitors would be another shared resource.

Neither college's mission includes aspirations to become a large, graduate, research institution, and both seek to retain an emphasis on teaching excellence. Both campuses will continue to focus on academic excellence through small classes and a high degree of interaction between faculty and students.

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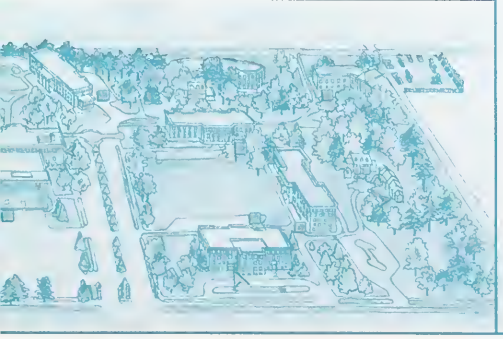

COLLEGE IMAGE AND UNIVERSITY NAME COMMITTEE

Chair: Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70
Vice Chair: Dori G. Eglevsky
Committee Created by Presidential Appointment: March 2003

Listed below are the 21 presidential appointees, three from each constituency, that comprise the College Image and University Name Committee:

Alumni Association	Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70 Patricia Branstetter Revere '63 Rita Morgan Stone '52
Board of Visitors	Mona Davis Albertine '71 Dori G. Eglevsky J. William Poole
Fredericksburg Area Community	Gene Bailey Monecia Helton Taylor '81 Karen C. Radley
MWC Administrative Staff	Mary Randolph Corbin '71 Richard V. Hurley Martin A. Wilder Jr.
MWC Faculty	Carter L. Hudgins Larry W. Penwell (Alternate: Rosemary Barra) Brenda E. Vogel
MWC Foundation Board	Edward V. Allison Jr. Theresa Young Crawley '77 Jean Polk Hanky '69
MWC Students	Meredith Johnston (2002-03 SGA President) Katharine Leesman (2003-04 Chair, Legislative Action Committee) Angela Gardner (2002-03 JMC Honor Council President) Carrie Rehorn (2002-03 SGA VP)

Listed below are individuals holding ex-officio, non-voting membership on the committee by virtue of their positions:

William M. Anderson Jr. • Meta R. Braymer • Philip L. Hall
Ronald E. Singleton, committee coordinator and assistant to the chairperson

Assisting with the work of the committee are the following project consultants: Stamats Communications, Lorna Whalen and Chuck Reed

Unforgettable Moments at Ground Zero

BY ANTOINETTE R. PARKER

Like many Americans, after the Sept. 11, 2001, terrorist attacks, Ruth Lovelace watched televised coverage of the cleanup at New York's Ground Zero. News cameras exposed devastated edifices. Windows that once provided views of bustling businesses now showcased nothingness, framed by jagged fragments of glass. Throughout the disaster site, burning wood, bent metal, smashed glass. And the volunteers, policemen and firefighters exhausted, determined — so openly human.

Ruth absorbed the scenes repeatedly — Before walking into a broken world, she wanted to be prepared.

Called by the American Red Cross to help with the unprecedented disaster relief efforts at Ground Zero, Ruth, MWC's director of environmental health and safety, asked herself what she was going to do; how she was going to do her part. The former firefighter and experienced safety officer had worked disaster sites following plane crashes, automobile and train wrecks, and even the east Florida site of the tragic Challenger explosion in 1986. No doubt about it, she was seasoned, and she was capable.

But she was also worried. This was one of the biggest disasters in American history; She knew Ground Zero would be an experience different than any other from her past. Ruth wondered how seeing such destruction would affect her.

"I knew that whatever I was going to see up there in New York — there was no way to *really* prepare for that," she says.

But the New York native knew she had to return to the city where she was born. She had skills and experience that were needed; Ruth felt she had no right *not* to help. Already a national Red Cross volunteer, she enrolled in several of the organization's classes. But before finishing her training, she got the call to go.

So she went to Ground Zero.

One of only 11 people from around the country called to help organize Red Cross's Global Safety and Security Function at the site, Ruth's memories of her seven-week experience there are vivid and, she says, will remain so for the rest of her life.

She compares checking into the Brooklyn Red Cross headquarters in October 2001 with what joining the military must be like.

"You walked in the door and they looked your name up on the list. They handed you a stack of papers; you held them in your arms. You still had stuff in your arms. ... You had to go through end processing. You had to go through medical. You had to go through mental health checks. You had to go through a briefing to prepare you for what you were going to see."

After a day and a half of introductions and of reviewing the rules and regulations with Red Cross staff, the team members, which included current and former police officers and firefighters, were assigned to shifts. Ruth was assigned to provide safety and security to one of the 24-hour respite sites at Ground Zero. There, personnel could come in from the site to relax, shower and rest.

"We were there to look out for the several thousand Red Cross volunteers who were on the site, along with acting as liaisons for the safety and security portion of the community centers, the service centers, client service centers and the Fresh Kills Landfill — basically anywhere you would find Red Cross Personnel," she says.

Like the military, the Red Cross has designated officers. Not long after arriving at Ground Zero, Ruth was asked to serve as assistant officer in charge of operations and administration for the project. Among her duties was giving daily safety reports.

Looking back, Ruth says watching the televised coverage of the disaster site was, indeed, the best preparation for the experience. But there were specific things, things that just couldn't be seen on TV, which really moved her.

"I can remember at one point I came into the site in a different direction," she says. "I saw the Verizon building. There were only two main entries and exits to the site, and the Verizon building was on one of the far sides, over by St. John's University. And I remember going up there one morning or afternoon, I don't know, they all ran together. And the whole building looked like you had just taken a slice of cake and just took a hot knife and went right down the side of it and just completely cleared it off." Ruth says framed pictures remained on desks strewn with paper; files sat on desks as if early one morning time had just stopped.

Late one night, Ruth happened upon another image that will forever stick with her. Behind a building, in an area she describes as two trailers behind and to the side of a forensics trailer, her boss from the Red Cross stood, staring at something. A retired FBI agent from Fairbanks, Alaska, he had worked with the civilian military police in Bosnia. Ruth walked toward him, and then, she saw it too: piled five feet high and 30 feet in diameter was a jumbled heap of used air packs, mangled ladders, bent firefighting tools, heavy firefighters boots, and discarded helmets. "They were in every imaginable shape," she says. "Smashed, sliced open, pretzled. Steel pry bars bent in V's, like in a cartoon."

For Ruth, the scene drove home the extent of the devastation like nothing else. She imagined the heroic firefighters who had unknowingly contributed to the pile of spent goods. As a former firefighter, one of the brotherhoods that

people remain in for life, that imagining wasn't easy.

Ruth's experience at Ground Zero did, indeed, change her life. Now she thinks more about the priceless nature of each second of life. She spends as much time as she can with her family, sons, and grandchildren. When she departs from her family, she always tells them goodbye, and always adds, "I love you," and they reply the same.

And she has more faith in people, based on the kindness and genuine caring she saw come out of a man-made disaster.

"I have learned that people are for the most part *good*," says Ruth. "The outpouring of kindness that was displayed in New York during that time was amazing. They were so grateful for all and any help — it didn't matter who or what you were. That is how life should be, always.

"I also learned how resilient people are, how giving of themselves was more important than anything else. People put the needs of others before theirs. It was amazingly rewarding to see humanity perform in such a heroic manner, from the most influential to the locals, all had such an 'in this together' attitude and drive.

"It was an amazing opportunity in my life which I will always know how precious an experience it was to be a part of."

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James Farmer Program in Human Rights

BY CARTER L. HUDGINS

Few professors at Mary Washington College have had as profound and pervasive an influence among students as did revered civil rights leader James Farmer during his 13-year career as a member of the history faculty. Those who took his courses remember his voice, that deep resonate baritone he used so effectively to inspire thousands to action. And they remember how his course was as much an introduction to broad issues in social justice and human rights as it was a review of the momentous events that punctuated the civil rights movement in which he played so prominent a role.

Since Farmer's death in 1999 the College has, through a number of activities and programs, celebrated his life and his legacy. Some of these programs, like the James Farmer Scholars Program, an academic mentoring program for middle-school and high-school students, link the College to a pre-collegiate audience. And the annual James Farmer Lecture, delivered each spring, brings to campus a noted activist in the field of human rights, whose lectures to college classes and public addresses bring together MWC and the local community. Andrew Young gave the inaugural Farmer Lecture in 2001. He was followed in spring 2002 by Julian Bond, former Georgia congressman and current chairman of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, and in 2003 by Jody Williams, recipient of the Nobel Peace Prize in 1997 for her campaign to ban the use of land mines.

All of these programs celebrate Farmer's life, perpetuating his concern for human rights, but perhaps the most ambitious of all the programs established to maintain Farmer's legacy is the James Farmer Visiting Professorship in Human Rights. The impetus for the initiative came shortly after Farmer's death, when Arthur Tracy, then chair of the department of history and American studies, suggested in a letter to College President William M. Anderson Jr., that such a position be created as a "most appropriate way to honor [Farmer's] contributions both to the nation and to the College — as well as to promote the fundamental cause of human justice to which he dedicated his life." Tracy deliberately chose the term "human rights," as opposed to "civil rights," because, in his words, "it embraces a wider range of issues that are consistent with Mr. Farmer's values as well as with the mission of this institution." With President Anderson's enthusiastic endorsement, the Board of Visitors established the James Farmer Visiting Professorship in Human Rights in September 1999.

The Farmer Visiting Professorship brings to campus for a semester's residency an eminent scholar or practitioner in the field of human rights. The visitor is responsible for teaching one class, meeting informally with students, and organizing a lecture series or forum for the campus and local community. The curricular vehicle for the academic course is "AMST 333: Issues in Human Rights," a class the department of history and American studies sponsors that allows visiting scholars to draw on their expertise and explore a topic consistent with their own experience. This course is the focal point for those students who choose a concentration in human rights within the American studies major.

The first James Farmer Visiting Professor in Human Rights was Dr. Ralph Thaxton, a political scientist on the faculty at Brandeis University, who held the position during the spring 2002 semester. An expert in 20th-century Chinese politics and the politics of memory, Professor Thaxton's course focused on human rights and the politics of globalization. Three of Thaxton's colleagues visited the campus during the spring term to address his course and to contribute their sense of the obligations and oppor-

Dr. Ralph Thaxton was at MWC in spring 2002.

Professor Rhoda Howard-Hassmann talks informally with students before class.

tunities the United States bears as a participant in increasingly globalized commercial undertakings. David Hackett Fischer, Warren Professor of History at Brandeis University and author of *Albion's Seed* and *Bound Away: Virginia and the Westward Movement*, opened the series with a lecture titled "Liberty and Freedom: Visions of a Free America" that explored the political legacy the United States brings to its international trading activities. Mark Selden, professor of sociology and history at Binghamton University and author of *Bitter Flowers, Sweet Flowers* and *Censoring History: Citizenship and Memory in Japan, Germany and the United States* challenged students to contemplate the residual economic effects of national action in his lecture, "Japan at War: Reflections on Responsibility, Reparations and Reconciliation." Dennis M. Sherman, former vice president for Global Business Development for ExxonMobil Corporation, closed the series with his talk, "Globalization, Government, and Human Rights."

The Farmer Visiting Professor for the spring 2003 semester was Dr. Rhoda Howard-Hassmann of McMaster University in Ontario, Canada. A political sociologist, Professor Howard-Hassmann has worked in the field of human rights for more than two decades and co-founded, and later directed, McMaster's Theme School on International Justice and Human Rights, the first such program in the world. Professor Howard-Hassmann is the author of numerous works, including *Compassionate Canadians: Civic Leaders Discuss Human Rights*, and is currently engaged in an investigation of whether the Western World owes reparations to Africa. That topic was among those explored in her spring "Issues in Human Rights" seminar that took as its title, "Human Rights and Retrospective Justice." Seminar students investigated the viability (and advisability) of retrospective justice for such violations as slavery, apartheid and genocide. The course was, by all accounts, stimulating and provocative and ended with a well-attended and lively symposium at which Howard-Hassman's students moderated an open debate on alternative approaches to reparations. One of the seminar's participants, Emily Reusch '03, commented as the course drew to a close that the class and Professor Howard-Hassmann had "significantly broadened the scope of the human rights program" at the College by creating "new points of view from which to consider human rights issues, while at the same time examining such issues much closer to home."

In addition to teaching her seminar and meeting frequently with students singly and in small groups, Professor Howard-Hassmann was instrumental in organizing an impressive spring public lecture series. Beginning with her own presentation, "Are Western Human Rights Values Offensive (and to Whom?)," the series included lectures by three other notable authorities in the field: Ann Elizabeth Mayer of the University of Pennsylvania's Wharton School of Business on "Rethinking the Rules: Muslim Women's Challenges to Restriction on their Rights"; Mark Gebney of the political science faculty at UNC-Asheville on "Saying Sorry: Why Governments (and Everybody Else) Seem to be Apologizing"; and Susan Dicklitch of the department of government at Franklin and Marshall College on "Political Asylum in America."

Professor Howard-Hassmann in her office

In the same way that James Farmer brought a unique perspective to his teaching at the College, the programs in human rights that perpetuate his memory are themselves unique. That, according to Professor Art Tracy, is fitting. "James Farmer's broader legacy is all around us in the fundamental ways the Civil Rights Movement transformed American life," Tracy observed, "but his legacy here at the College lies in the courses and public lectures, unmatched as far as I know by any college or university in the United States, that, by challenging our assumptions, prepare our students to confront injustice when they find it and support the international guarantee of basic human rights."

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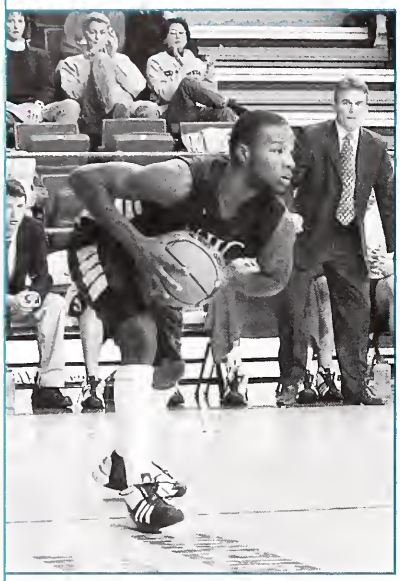
MEN'S BASKETBALL

SEASON IN REVIEW



Cris Hairston '03

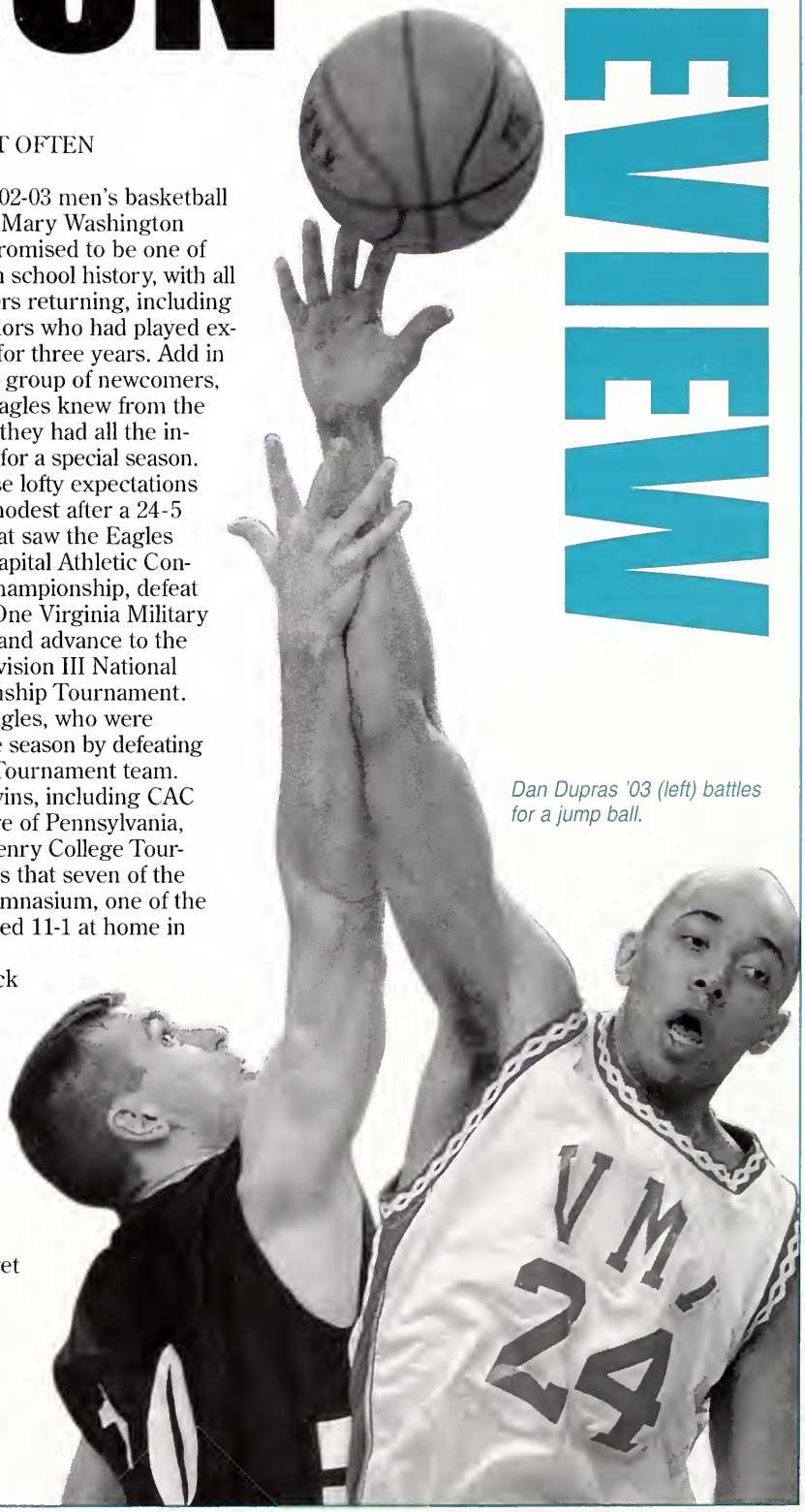
BY CLINT OFTEN

The 2002-03 men's basketball season at Mary Washington College promised to be one of the best in school history, with all five starters returning, including three seniors who had played extensively for three years. Add in a talented group of newcomers, and the Eagles knew from the start that they had all the ingredients for a special season. Even those lofty expectations seemed modest after a 24-5 season that saw the Eagles win the Capital Athletic Conference championship, defeat Division One Virginia Military Institute, and advance to the NCAA Division III National Championship Tournament.

The Eagles, who were ranked nationally throughout the season, began the season by defeating nationally ranked Cabrini College, a 2002 NCAA Tournament team. After a loss, MWC reeled off a school record 10 wins, including CAC wins over Marymount University and York College of Pennsylvania, the historic 60-56 win at VMI, and the Emory & Henry College Tournament championship. Perhaps most impressive is that seven of the Eagles' first 10 wins came away from Goolrick Gymnasium, one of the best home courts in the region. The Eagles finished 11-1 at home in 2002-03, often before overflow crowds.

After a loss at Catholic in the second game back from semester break, head coach Rod Wood's Eagles then won another five straight, all against CAC opponents. Included in that streak were home wins over St. Mary's College and Gallaudet University, a decisive win at Salisbury University, and a thrilling, come-from-behind win at home against Goucher College. The streak reached five with a 29-point win over York College on alumni day, as the Eagles cracked the 100-point plateau in a 101-72 victory.

The next three-game stretch saw the Eagles get upset at Marymount University and escape with a victory at Villa Julie. The third game that week, a loss to Catholic, was perhaps the toughest of the regular season, as MWC overcame an eight-point halftime deficit to regain the lead in the final minutes, only to fall by a narrow 62-58 margin. Fortunately for the Eagles, it would also be their last loss of the regular season.



Dan Dupras '03 (left) battles for a jump ball.

Mary Washington closed the regular season with a four-game winning streak, including conference road wins at Gallaudet, Goucher, and St. Mary's, as well as a 20-point home win on senior day over Salisbury. The Eagles entered the CAC Tournament as the second seed, but had to play three games in four days entering the tourney. MWC downed St. Mary's, 82-69, in the first round of the CAC Tournament, and then beat Goucher, 75-61, before a raucous crowd at Goolrick to advance to the CAC Championship game for the first time.

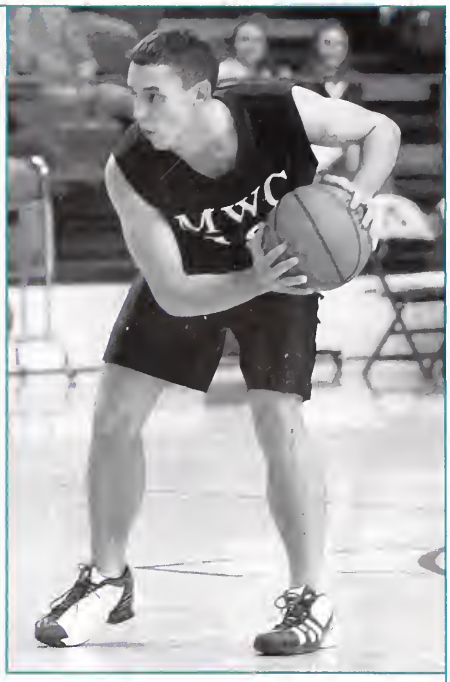
The Eagles visited Catholic University with the conference title on the line, and after nearly letting a nine-point second-half lead evaporate, held on for a historic 70-68 win for the CAC championship and automatic bid to the NCAA Tournament before a crowd of several thousand fans, many of whom made the trip from Fredericksburg. Coach Wood's Eagles visited Alvernia College in the opening round of the NCAA Tournament, and fell to the host Crusaders, 58-53, closing the most successful chapter in MWC basketball history.

Among the many highlights from the season, several stand out. Senior forward Dan Dupras earned All-CAC honors for the third straight season, and became the 11th player in school history to surpass the 1,000-point plateau, a mark he passed in the season opening win over Cabrini College. Dupras finishes his career in fourth place in career scoring at MWC, with 1,350 points. Classmate Brett Lively joined Dupras in the 1,000-point club in the regular season home finale against Salisbury, as he connected on three straight shots in the second half to become the 12th member in school history to surpass the benchmark.

Junior Evan Fowler emerged as one of the best point guards in the nation, ranking in the top 10 in all of Division III in assists all season. His increased offensive output gave the Eagles five outside-shooting threats, along with Dupras, Lively, junior Erik Rodriguez, and sophomore transfer Jon Hurd. Senior Cris Hairston's scoring, rebounding, and athleticism made him one of the top players in the conference. An All-CAC pick, Hairston's show-stopping slam dunks kept Eagle fans in a frenzy in every game.

One characteristic that separated the 2002-03 team from others at MWC was the outstanding depth that the Eagles possessed. In addition to Rodriguez, who ranked among CAC leaders in three-point shooting, MWC could turn to talented reserves such as Kevin Moore, Ian Sumers, Mike Mattson, Paul Monica and Mike Moore to not only hold leads, but extend them with the starters on the bench. Also impressive was the Eagles' depth, as every starter averaged between 8.5 and 12.6 PPG, and eight players averaged double figures in minutes played.

With a strong nucleus returning, hopes are running high for even more success in 2003-04. A very talented recruiting class will look to help the veterans fill the void left by a senior class that scored more than 3,000 points in their careers, and led MWC to heights never seen before in the program's 30-year history.



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Bergin, Diamond and Dwyer Give MWC Track Team National Aspirations

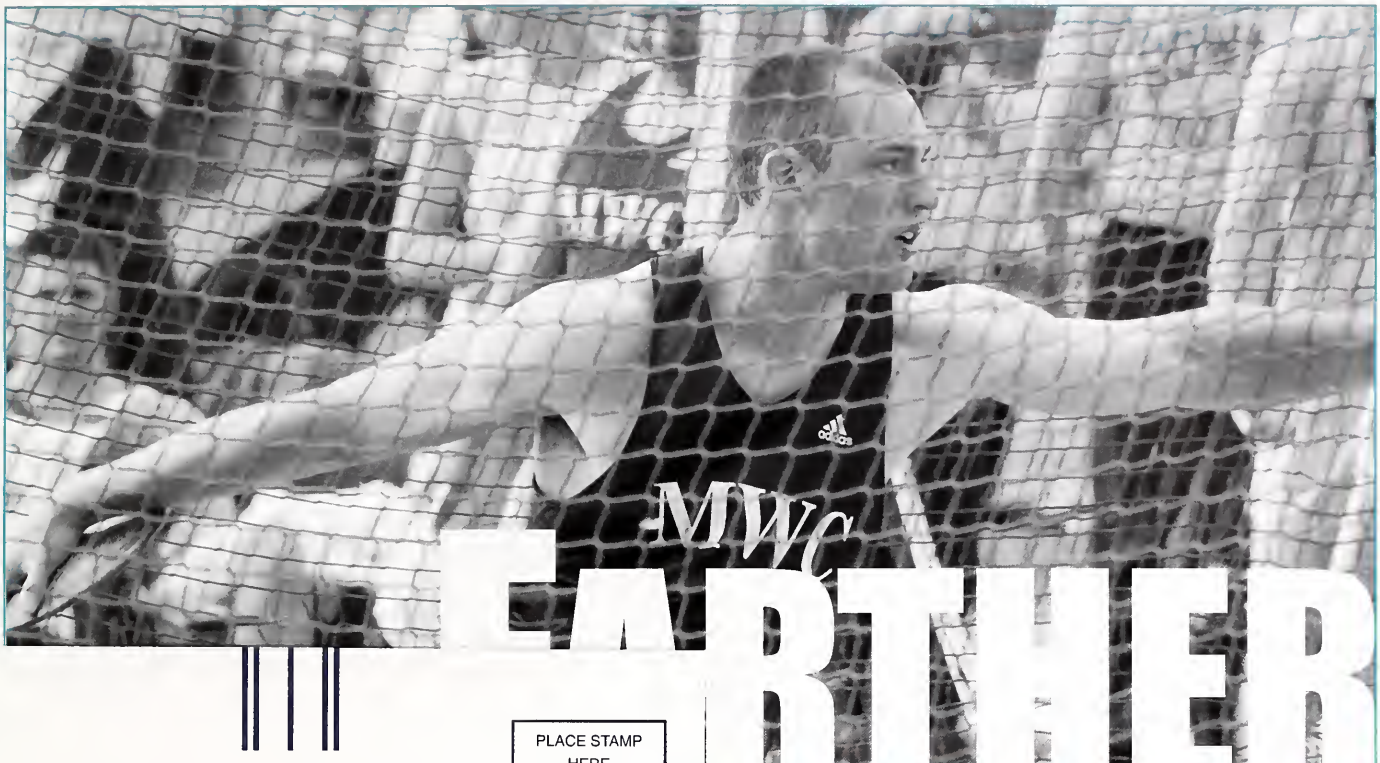
BY CLINT OFTEN

Dateline: March 15, 2003 ★ De Pauw, Indiana ★ NCAA Division III Track & Field ★ Indoor Championships

As the bar at the high jump event was raised to seven feet, 1-3/4 inches — higher than any successful attempt in the nation this winter and higher than his own career high — Mary Washington's Bobby Bergin began mentally preparing for the jump that lay ahead. Only Bergin and Dan Olson of Wheaton College remained in the competition, which consisted of the top jumpers in the nation among the NCAA's 350-plus Division III institutions.

As the crowd of thousands clapped their hands in unison for Bergin, the runner-up to Olson in last winter's competition, the 6-foot-6 inch senior approached the bar, leapt mightily, and cleared the bar, setting a new facility record and, for the moment,

Senior track and field standouts: Peter Diamond (top) and Bobby Bergin (bottom)



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The third member of MWC's record-breaking triumvirate is thrower Colin Dwyer. A junior from Burke, Va., Dwyer has become one of the top throwers in school history, despite not having what coaches call a "thrower's body." His secret? According to Soper, it's been his phenomenal work ethic. "For a tiny guy in these events, he's really unbelievable. He's such a hard worker....Sometimes I think he may work too hard." Dwyer owns the school record in the hammer throw and the 35-pound weight throw.

The common thread between these athletes, who've traveled very different paths to success, is their personality, their sportsmanship, and their focus. "All three of these guys have the best character and are incredible sportsmen," says Soper. "They're exactly the kind of people you want in your program." That sportsmanship exudes, even between the three as they compete. Although the nature of their events are very different, one can often find the other two nearby as the other is competing, and their success rubs off. As Soper explains, "They've fed off of each other, particularly in big meets and during the postseason. If one of them turns in a great performance, the other two will likely feed off their success and in turn do very well."

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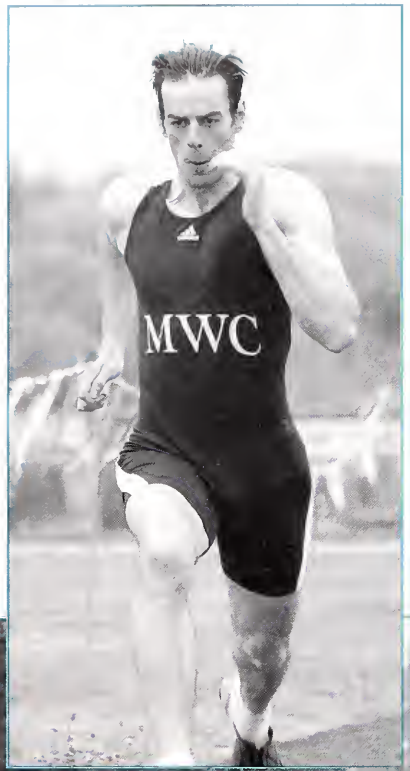

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the best jump in the nation. Olson also successfully cleared the bar to extend the competition and match the record, and eventually won the competition in a jump-off by a fraction of an inch. Bergin would claim second-place honors and another All-America award to his growing collection.

"Electric" is the word MWC head track & field coach Stan Soper uses to describe the atmosphere. "With all the buildup going into the event, knowing how consistently well Bobby had jumped all season, we knew he had a chance to do very well." Despite finishing second, Bergin not only set a new personal, school, and facility best, but also made the third-best jump in NCAA Division III indoor history. "Though it was disappointing for Bobby not to win the national championship, we were elated that he jumped so well," said Soper, adding that the thrilling finish motivated him to set up a re-match for the outdoor championships, held at the end of May.

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Bergin, who holds the indoor and outdoor school records in the high jump, has advanced to the indoor and outdoor NCAA Championships in each of his four years, gradually gaining experience and vaulting up the standings each time. "Bobby has certainly learned from his NCAA experiences, as he's gained confidence and experience," adds Soper, noting his experiences his first two years have certainly helped him the past two years.

Senior Peter Diamond, one of the top sprinters in school history, has also been active at the NCAA Division III Championships, as two years ago, he not only qualified to compete in the 200-meter dash, but also anchored both relays that qualified for nationals, marking the first time in school history that relays were invited to participate in the national championships.

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HABITAT ALTERNATIVE

Ten houses, five days — 250 college students. The numbers alone are an impressive description of the 2003 Habitat for Humanity Collegiate Challenge. Still nothing could really prepare the 14 Mary Washington students and their college sponsor, who arrived in Columbus, Ga., on their first day of spring break, were handed hammers and instructed to go build a house.

The students were ready for hard work. Preparations began in January with efforts to earn the money to pay for the trip and its expenses. Fund raising that included raffles, cleaning out faculty and staff garages and raking leaves, and a stint as amateur janitors at a local elementary school proved the group's determination before ever touching the first nail.

Still, the first moments on the construction site, faced with a view of a cinderblock foundation and a few floor joists — nothing more — proved more than a little daunting. For many students, it was the first experience of this kind they had ever faced. However, with the help of two local construction workers and an Americorps volunteer, it wasn't long before Mary Washington students took charge of the power tools, balanced from the rafters, and began arranging scaffolding like pros.

Each morning was a challenge, waking up on a local private school's gym floor before the sun had risen to prepare for a day's work ahead; in addition, many of the students felt pressed to imbue every day with a fresh sense of accomplishment by taking on a task they were unfamiliar with or that may even have been frightening to them. When work began on the roof, for instance, several students watched from below with mixed feelings of apprehension and awe. By the next morning they had determined, if only for 15 minutes, that they would face their fear of heights and hammer in their own shingles, with help from the incredible support of their friends.

That support and determination sums up the beauty of the trip. By the end of the first day, everyone felt confident enough to take charge of various projects, and there was no one who was not always searching for some other task to help with. From lifting the first walls to hammering the last bits of siding, students worked together under such intense conditions that the friendships formed in that week became a constant source of inspiration. Moreover, the families who would be living within the four sturdy walls of this amazing accomplishment always in some part assisted in the house's rapid progress. Putting faces to the family who would think of this random assortment of college kids every time they opened their front door was the most amazing gift anyone could ask for.

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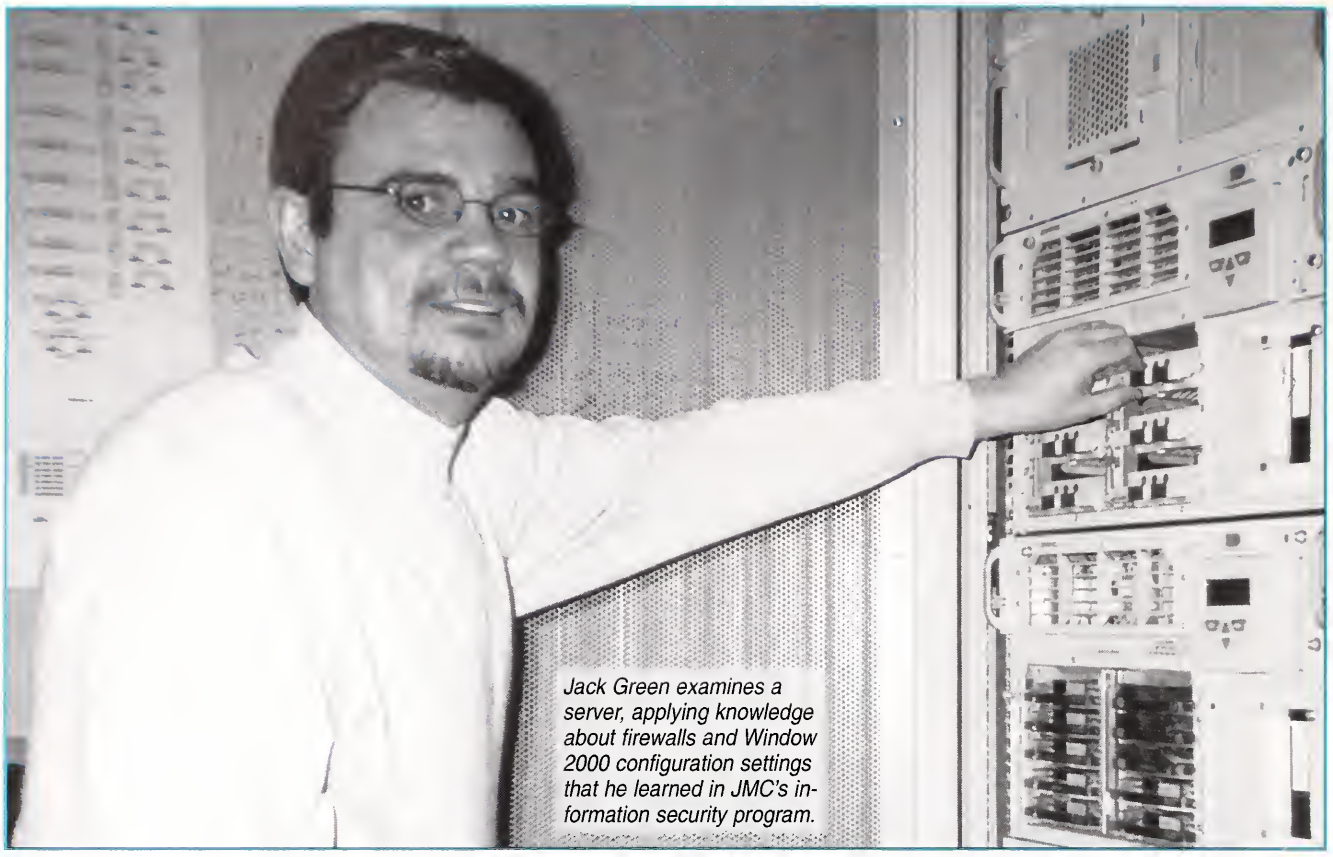
SPRING BREAK

BY R. MEGAN HEADLEY '04



Jack Green examines a server, applying knowledge about firewalls and Window 2000 configuration settings that he learned in JMC's information security program.

Study "Abroad" — in Vermont

BY CHRISTINE J. NEUBERGER

Jack D. Green lives hundreds of miles north of Virginia in a town nestled in scenic, mountainous Vermont. Green, a software engineer for the state of Vermont, has never traveled to the Fredericksburg area.

Yet, through computer technology, Green has become the first recipient of an entirely online graduate certificate available through MWC's James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies (JMC). Green completed six rigorous, Web-based courses to earn JMC's Graduate Certificate in Information Security.

"JMC was one of only a handful of colleges prepared to offer the courses online," said Green, who learned about the JMC program through the Internet. Green completed the program's requirements in late 2002, then received the certificate through the mail in January without visiting the JMC campus in Stafford County. Of JMC, Green remarked, "Never seen it."

The online availability of JMC's information security program allows students to pursue the 18-credit certificate while living and working anywhere in the world. In the U.S., individuals who enrolled in information security courses during the 2002-2003 academic year live in such far-flung places as Florida, Minnesota, Texas, and Washington state.

"I could test at my convenience," said Green, who operates an independent computer-consulting business, in addition to working as a software engineer-developer for Vermont. "It's great fun if you love a challenge," he said, referring to the demanding curriculum.

Computer-network security has gained increasing prominence as worries have grown about the vulnerability of computer networks to attack. In fall 2002, JMC responded by introducing its Graduate Information Security Program.

To offer the most up-to-date material, JMC partnered with a national leader in information security research and education, the SANS (SysAdmin, Audit, Network, Security) Institute. A SANS certification exam is included with each course. Students learn how to improve information security in order to prevent and minimize attacks on computer systems using commercially available tools.

With course material distributed as text files and sound files, Green bought a shirt-pocket MP3 player and listened to the sound files while jogging or working out. "I'm sure each (research paper) was 40 hours of concerted effort," Green said. "One must be committed to study."

Well before Green completed the program, he began reaping benefits. He quickly applied knowledge that he gained to his computer-consulting business, focusing the enterprise on information security and attracting more prestigious clients, while increasing his fees by 25 percent.

"I learned so much in the process of obtaining this certificate," said Green, who is in his 40s. "These courses were truly challenging. The depth of detail

was exactly what I needed to gain a thorough knowledge of IP (Internet Protocol), Windows operating system details, and the mechanics of hacking and defense against it."

"As a direct result of these courses, I am able to simulate Internet conditions and network attacks, then research counter-measures," Green said. In his Barre, Vt., home, he gets considerable hands-on experience in a study strewn with routers, firewalls and machines with various operating systems.

To gain admission to JMC's information security program, a student must have a bachelor's degree from a regionally accredited college or university, as well as a strong background in computer networks or operating systems. The typical participant is currently employed as a systems or network administrator or in a similar position.

The courses — with such titles as "Intrusion Detection" and "Incident Handling and Malicious Code" — are offered without a classroom component. The advantages of their online accessibility abound, said Gail D. Brooks, associate professor of computer technology and director of the Graduate Information Security Program.

"People in this field travel a lot and don't work 9 to 5, Monday through Friday," Brooks said. "Even if they are local, it would be difficult to schedule a convenient class time for an entire group. One of the beauties of this JMC program is that you don't have to be at a certain geographic location to take a course."

Christine J. Neuberger is news information and publications coordinator at MWC's James Monroe Center.

Want more information about the information security program or other JMC offerings?

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★ Send an e-mail to cgps@mwc.edu.
★ Visit the Web site at www.jmc.mwc.edu.

MBA Option

Students who complete the Graduate Certificate in Information Security have the option of applying the certificate courses to the Master of Business Administration program's concentration in information security at JMC.

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MWC Debate Team Wins Third Consecutive National Championship

The Mary Washington College Debate Team claimed its third consecutive national championship at the American Debate Association's National Championship Tournament, held at Boston College March 6-9, 2003.

Carly Woods and John Nagy — the 2003 Junior Varsity National Champions — hold the Founder's Cup.

The 2002-03 intercollegiate debate topic was: "Resolved: that the United States Federal Government should ratify or accede to, and implement, one or more of the following: The Comprehensive Nuclear Test Ban Treaty; The Kyoto Protocol; The Rome Statute of the International Criminal Court; The Second Optional Protocol to the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights Aiming at the Abolition of the Death Penalty; The Treaty Between the United States of America and the Russian Federation on Strategic Offensive Reductions."

Competing in the junior varsity division, juniors John Nagy of Springfield, Va., and Carly Woods of Burke, Va., defeated teams from Capital University in Columbus, Ohio, Catholic University, Cornell University and Liberty University to claim the "Founder's Cup," a sterling silver trophy given annually to the nation's best junior varsity team. Nagy and Ms. Woods defeated Liberty University in the final round of the tournament in a debate that focused on the pending war with Iraq.

Two other Mary Washington College teams in competition during the weekend also were recognized at the tournament. Sophomore Jennifer Golladay of Newark, Del., and sophomore Joseph Packer of Williamsburg claimed third place in the junior varsity division, defeating teams from the University of Rochester, Catholic University, Fordham University and George Mason University. Senior Raya Drew of Arlington and freshman Leslie Wyatt of Chester finished ninth in the novice division.

In addition to the team's success, two Mary Washington College students were recognized for their individual performances throughout the weekend. Packer was ranked as the second best speaker in the junior varsity division while Ms. Drew finished seventh in the novice division.

Director of Debate Timothy O'Donnell, said, "It's a real joy for me to see our students rewarded for their hard work. Their dedication to excellence never ceases to amaze me."

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MWC Students Selected For Intercollegiate Band

Two Mary Washington College students were selected to participate in the 2003 Small College Intercollegiate Band in Minneapolis, Minn., March 26-29. The ensemble was selected nationally from 188 nominations from 51 schools in 27 states.

French horn player Carolyn Sweterlitsch, a junior from Arlington, and trumpet player Christopher Hogan, a senior from Fairfax, joined the ensemble, which rehearsed as part of the College Band Directors National Association conference. The group played under the baton of Giancarlo Guerrero, associate conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra.

"This is a marvelous opportunity for these young musicians. Acceptance into this ensemble is the musical equivalent of being named to the NCAA All-American team," said Craig T. Naylor, assistant professor of music. "Carolyn and Christopher will be performing with the best wind musicians from colleges under 4,000 students, under one of the finest young conductors in the country, playing music of professional levels of difficulty."

Guerrero has served as associate conductor of the Minnesota Orchestra since 1999 and frequently appears at Symphony for the Cities, Adventures in Music for Families and Young People's concerts. In September 2002 he began his tenure as music director of the Eugene Symphony in Oregon, with which he has conducted all nine Beethoven symphonies. Earlier this year Guerrero made his debut with The Philadelphia Orchestra, and also paid a return visit to the National Symphony Orchestra.

Leidecker Center for Asian Studies

President William Anderson and the Mary Washington College Board of Visitors officially opened the new Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, located in Trinkle Hall B39, on February 7. The Leidecker Center is the focal point for Asian Studies at MWC and supports intellectual and cultural awareness and education about Asia through workshops, lectures, conferences and exchanges. The Board of Visitors established the Leidecker Center in 1988 in honor of Professor Emeritus of Philosophy Kurt Leidecker. The new Center space is a tranquil corner on campus, furnished with Asian motifs. It also provides a permanent location for rotating display of the College's collection of Asian art, a bequest of Professor Leidecker. For more information about the Center, contact the co-directors, David Ambuel and Mehdi Aminrazavi, at (540) 654-1341 or (540) 654-1344.

Above: Professors Mehdi Aminrazavi (left) and David Ambuel are co-directors of the Center.

Top left: President Anderson and the Board of Visitors opened the Leidecker Center with a ribbon-cutting ceremony.

Bottom left: Members of the Board of Visitors listened to the Center's co-directors talk about their hopes for the future of the Leidecker Center.

FACULTY HIGHLIGHTS

BY CAROLYN HUCKABAY '04

Karen Anewalt, assistant professor of computer science, presented a workshop, "Java Servlets," at the 34th Technical Symposium on Computer Science Education, sponsored by the Association for Computing Machinery in Reno, Nev. Dr. Anewalt also chaired the session on "Data Structures" at the same conference.

Dawn Bowen, assistant professor of geography, presented the paper "How Many Will Come?: A Community Plans for Migrant Reintegration" at the Association of American Geographers meeting, held in New Orleans, La.

Meta R. Braymer, vice president for graduate and professional studies and dean of the James Monroe Center faculty, was elected 2003 chair-elect of the Fredericksburg Regional Chamber of Commerce's Board of Directors. Dr. Braymer's election by the chamber's policy-making body means that she will serve as chairman of the board in 2004. She has served since 2000 as a member of the chamber's Board of Directors, where she is an executive committee member and has served as chair of the Communications Council. In addition, Dr. Braymer presided over a session at the 88th Annual Conference of the University Continuing Education Association. The theme of the conference, held in Chicago, was "The Next University: Emerging Agendas."

Gardner Campbell, associate professor of English, presented a paper, "Alterity and Creation in Paradise Lost," at the Seventh International Milton Symposium in Beaufort, S.C.

Claudia Emerson, associate professor of English, recently was featured in an online publication, "Blackbird." The topic of the article was Ms. Emerson's latest poetry collection, *Pinion: An Elegy*, published by the Louisiana University Press State, about her current and future projects, and about the making of a poetry collection.

Stephen J. Farnsworth, associate professor of political science and international affairs, had an article, "Seeing Red: The FBI and Edgar Snow," published in *Journalism History*, a peer-reviewed research journal. Dr. Farnsworth also co-wrote an article with S. Robert Lichter, titled "The 2000 New Hampshire Democratic Primary and Network News." The article was published in the peer-reviewed research journal *American Behavioral Scientist*. In addition, Dr. Farnsworth discussed his new book, *The Nightly News Nightmare: Network Television's Coverage of U.S. Presidential Elections, 1988-2000*, co-written with Lichter, on Fred Barnes' nationally syndicated radio program, "What's the Story?"

Chris Foss, assistant professor of English, had "Jameson, Conrad, and the Dialectic of Utopia and Ideology," published in *Journal x*, a refereed journal of the University of Mississippi. Dr. Foss also had his essay, "Toward an Imaginative Politics: The Convergence of Theory and Practice in *A Philosophical View of Reform*," published in *A Brighter Morn: The Shelley Circle's Utopian Project*, a collection of essays from Lexington-Rowman and Littlefield, edited by Darby Lewes. He presented the paper " 'Just How Big Is The Attic and How Do We Know When We're Outside?': Gender and Race in Mary Seacole's *Wonderful Adventures of Mrs. Seacole in Many Lands*." The paper was presented at the 11th Annual Eighteenth and Nineteenth Century British Women Writers Conference, hosted by Texas Christian University in Fort Worth, Texas. In addition, Dr. Foss gave an invited lecture on "Romantic Reading: Shelley's Sublime and Conrad's Impressionism," at Roanoke College in Salem, Va.

Stephen W. Fuller, professor of biology, traveled to Washington, D.C., to meet with Congressional representatives and discuss the need for increased and balanced federal investment in science and engineering research and development. Dr. Fuller, who is president of the Atlantic Estuarine Research Society (AERS) and a member of the Governing Board of the Estuarine Research Federation (ERF), represented these professional societies at the 8th annual Science, Engineering, and Technology Work Group Congressional Visit Day. He also traveled to Atlantic Beach, N.C., to preside over the AERS Spring Meeting, and to Tucson, Ariz., to participate in the Spring ERF Governing Board meeting.

Eric Gable, associate professor of anthropology, was recently appointed to the editorial board of *Cultural Anthropology*, one of the most widely cited journals in the field. The journal also recently published his article, "The Anthropologist's (New) Dress-Code." In addition, Dr. Gable had his article, titled "Manjaco Rulers after a Revolution," published in *Africa: The Journal of the International African Institute*.

James Gaines, professor of French and chair of the department of modern foreign languages, had his book, *The Molière Encyclopedia*, published by Greenwood Press.

Rebecca S. Hayes, **Norah S. Hooper** and **Harold S. Wright Jr.**, assistant professors of education at the James Monroe Center, presented an interactive session called "Capturing the Essence Visually" at the Virginia Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development's annual conference in Williamsburg, Va.

Alan G. Heffner, professor of leadership and management and director of the MBA program at the James Monroe Center, served as reviewer for papers submitted for presentation to the Management Education Division of the Academy of Management's 2003 annual meeting. Dr. Heffner also reviewed three chapters in a leading management textbook, *Management: Skills and Application*, by L. Rue and L. Byars, for a forthcoming 11th edition to be published by McGraw-Hill Inc. In addition, Dr. Heffner reviewed the draft of a new knowledge management textbook to be published by Prentice Hall Inc.

Helen Housley, senior lecturer in the Department of Theatre and Dance, was the directing respondent for the Barbizon Design Competition at the Kennedy Center American College Theatre Festival's Region II Finals, held at the University of Maryland at College Park.

Margaret Huber, distinguished professor of anthropology and chair of the department of sociology and anthropology, had her book, *Powhatan Lords of Life and Death: Command and Consent in Seventeenth-Century Virginia*, published by the University of Nebraska Press. The book will appear under the name Margaret Holmes Williamson.

Christina Kakavá, associate professor of linguistics, had an article, titled "Opposition in Modern Greek Discourse: Cultural and Contextual Constraints," published in the *Journal of Pragmatics*. Dr. Kakavá also made a presentation on " 'We' and 'They' in Intercultural and Intracultural Talk," at the American As-

sociation of Applied Linguistics conference held in Washington, D.C. In addition, Dr. Kakavá was invited by the Greek Ministry of Education to serve as a reviewer on the humanities panel for undergraduate linguistic program grants submitted for funding to the European Community.

Mike Klein, the principal investigator for the Center for Historic Preservation, had his article, "Discovering Sites Unseen, Excavating Unforeseen Sites: Survey, Sampling, and Significance in the Inter-Riverine Uplands of Virginia," published in the *Journal of Middle Atlantic Archaeology*. Dr. Klein co-organized and chaired a session, "Theory and Middle Atlantic Archaeology," at the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference in Virginia Beach, Va. He also presented the paper "Agency and Analytical Scale: Operationalizing a Multi-Scalar Archaeology" at the same conference.

Susan Knick, director of events, conferences and facility scheduling, was the event coordinator for the City of Fredericksburg's 275th Anniversary Celebration. She also serves on the board of directors and was elected treasurer for the Fredericksburg Area HIV/AIDS Support Services Inc.

Dave Kolar, assistant professor of psychology, and **Christine McBride**, associate professor of psychology, had their article, "Creating Problems to Solve Problems: An Interactive Teaching Technique for Statistics Courses," published in the journal *Teaching of Psychology*.

Janusz Konieczny, associate professor of mathematics, gave an invited colloquium lecture on "Automorphisms of Transformation Semigroups" for the faculty of the mathematics department at the University of Louisville in Kentucky.

Leonard Koos, associate professor of French, presented the paper "Reading and Writing Colonial Women: Representation and Publication in Late Nineteenth-Century North Africa" at the "Books and Empire: Textual Production, Distribution and Consumption in Colonial and Post-Colonial Countries" conference, held at the University of Sydney, Australia. Dr. Koos also was granted a fellowship from the Australian National University (Canberra) to support his attendance at the same conference.

John M. Kramer, distinguished professor of political science and chair of the department of political science and international affairs, had his article "Energy and Environment in the Czech Republic and Poland" published in *Microeconomic Change in Central and Eastern Europe* (MacMillan, 2003).

Carol Manning, professor of English, recently had her articles, titled "Hurston and Welty, Janie and Livvie" and "The Comings of Cousin Ann: Deconstructing the Southern Romance," published in the *Southern Literary Journal*. Dr. Manning also had "Southern Women Writers and the Beginning of the Renaissance" published in *The History of Southern Women's Literature* and "Southern Belle" appeared in *The Companion to Southern Literature*.

Kevin McCluskey, assistant professor of theater, designed costumes for a Philadelphia production of *Emmy Goering Stands By Her Man*. The show opened in February.

Daniel Preston, editor of *The Papers of James Monroe*, had the first volume of his eight-volume series, *The Papers of James Monroe*, published by Greenwood Press.

Wendy L. Price, associate professor of historic preservation and chair of the department of historic preservation, was a featured speaker at an Architectural Review Training Workshop sponsored by the Town of Leesburg, Va., where she discussed procedural due process. Ms. Price currently is a member of the Arlington County Historic Preservation Plan Advisory Committee, and she was reappointed to the Virginia National Register State Review Board and elected vice-chair.

Mary Rigsby, associate professor of English, recently chaired a panel, "Transforming the Connection Between the Writer and the World: A Call for a New Pedagogy of Identity, Perspective, and Relationship," at the annual Conference on Composition and Communication in New York. Dr. Rigsby also presented "A New Paradigm: Embracing a Pedagogy of Perspective, Identity, and Relationship" at the same conference.

Warren Rochelle, assistant professor of English, recently presented the paper "From Voiceless to Voiced, from One to I: Student Acquisition of a Writing Identity in English 101" at the annual Conference on Composition and Communication, held in New York.

Jeff Rountree, vice president for college advancement, presented "Capital Campaign Prospects: How to Find, Research, Manage, and Prepare Them for a Campaign Ask" at the Virginia Association of Fundraising Executives in Richmond, Va. Rountree also discussed "Travel and Fund Raising: Using Travel as a Tool for Development; Starting Your VIP Travel Program" at the International Educational Travel Conference in Washington, D.C.

Robert Rycroft, professor of economics, participated in a poster session on "Active Learning Strategies for the College and University Economics Classroom: Teaching Techniques that Promote Active Learning," at the Allied Social

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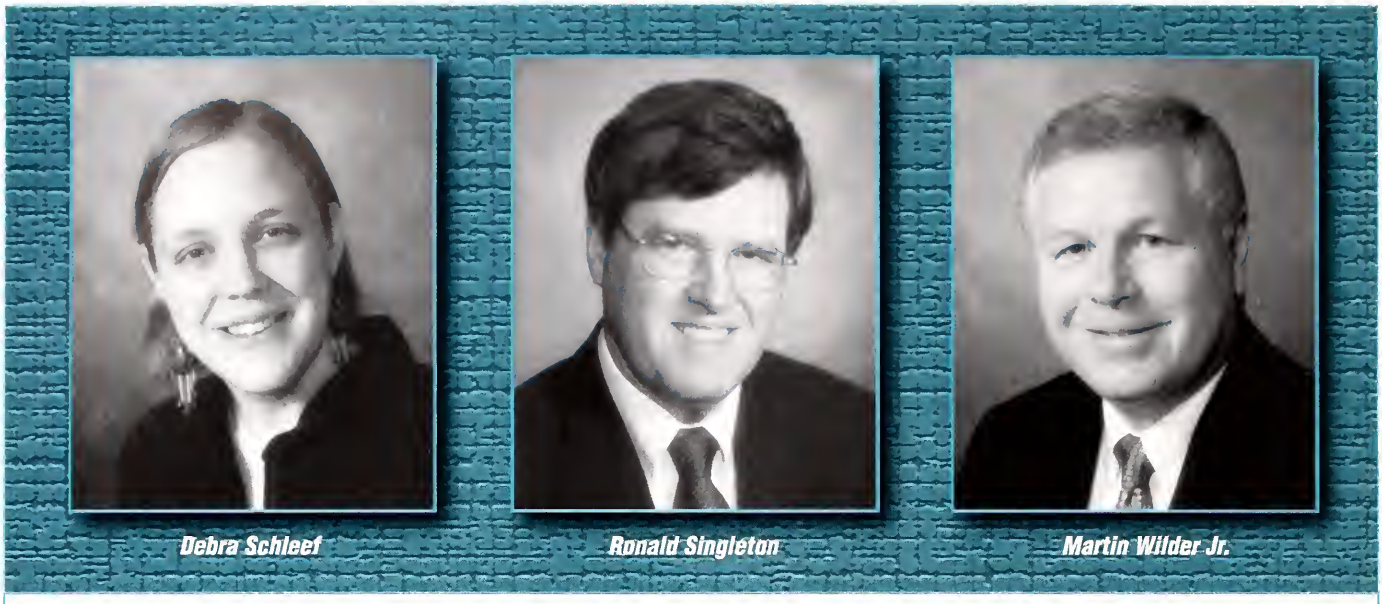

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Science Association's Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C. The project is titled "Estimating a Plane: Economics in the Third Dimension."

Mark J. Safferstone, associate dean and director of community outreach at the James Monroe Center, was appointed to a two-year term by the Director of the Virginia Department of Human Resource Management to serve as an academic representative on the Virginia Certified Public Manager Program Advisory Board and Curriculum Committee. The Virginia Certified Public Manager Program is a statewide nationally accredited comprehensive management development program designed for public managers in Virginia. Dr. Safferstone also was appointed to a three-year term as an academic representative to the Institute of Certified Professional Managers' Board of Regents. ICPM is a nonprofit training institute specializing in management training and certification and founded by the National Management Association and the International Management Council. In addition, Dr. Safferstone was appointed to a four-year term to the Board of Directors of the U.S. Senate Productivity and Quality Award Program (SPQA) for Virginia. The SPQA mission is to cultivate continuous performance improvement of Virginia's organizations through knowledge sharing, feedback, evaluation and recognition, resulting in economic growth. He also led a workshop titled "The Myers-Briggs Type Indicator: Implications for Executive Action," at the Federal Executive Institute. Dr. Safferstone also has reviewed numerous books, including *Partnering: The New Face of Leadership; Business: The Ultimate Resource; Execution: The Discipline of Getting Things Done; Searching for a Corporate Savior: The Irrational Quest for Charismatic CEO;* and *Invisible Advantage: How Intangibles Are Driving Business Performance* in CHOICE, a publication of the American Library Association.

Douglas Sanford, associate professor of historic preservation and director of the Center for Historic Preservation, presented the paper "The Building in the Old Orchard at Stratford: A Test Case for the Digital Archaeological Archive of Chesapeake Slavery" at the Middle Atlantic Archaeological Conference in Virginia Beach, Va. Dr. Sanford also discussed the paper "Historical Archaeology and Theoretical Excursions in Middle Atlantic Archaeology" at the same conference.

Debra Schleef, assistant professor of sociology, was the co-author of "Cultural Loss and the American Dream: The Immigrant Experience in Barry Levinson's Avalon," which appeared in the *Journal of American and Comparative Cultures.* She also presented "The Incorporation of Race, Class and Gender in Survey Methodology: Issues and Pitfalls" at the American Sociological Association's annual meeting in Chicago.

Ronald E. Singleton, senior vice president for advancement and college relations, gave a presentation with *Free Lance-Star* reporter Cathy Jett at the Annual Conference for Media Relations Professionals in Washington, D.C. The program was sponsored by the Council for Advancement and Support of Education.

Blair Staley, assistant professor of leadership and management at the James Monroe Center, passed the Certified Information Systems Auditor (CISA) examination, and he earned the Certified Information Systems Auditor designation. The CISA exam reflects the current state of the art in information systems auditing and evaluates technical competence in important subject areas related to information systems auditing. In addition, Dr. Staley served as a discussant for a paper on management accounting at the American Accounting Association's 2003 Mid-Atlantic Regional Meeting in Philadelphia.

Jo Tyler, assistant professor of linguistics and education at the James Monroe Center, delivered a paper, titled "Revising the Past: Modality and Variation in Counterfactual Clauses," at the Southeastern Conference on Linguistics, LXVIII, in Washington, D.C.

Martin Wilder Jr., vice president for enrollment and a member of the National Association for College Admission Counseling executive board, had an article titled "The Current Status of Early Decision/Early Action," published in the March 2003 edition of *The NACAC Bulletin*. Dr. Wilder also participated in the NACAC 2003 National Legislative Conference, "Accessing the Dream of Higher Education," in Washington, D.C. Dr. Wilder was a featured speaker and conference presenter at annual meetings of the Wisconsin Association for College Admission Counseling in Green Bay, Wis., and the Pacific Northwest Association for College Admission Counseling in Boise, Idaho. In addition, Dr. Wilder was a session panelist for two presentations, titled "Making Multiculturalism and Equity a Reality in PCACAC" and "Admission Practices: Traveling Through the Briar Patch," at the annual conference of the Potomac and Chesapeake Association for College Admission Counseling in Richmond, Va.

Carolyn Huckabay '04 of Bethesda, Md., is majoring in English and is a student aide in the Office of College Relations at MWC.

Events on Campus

December

The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra's annual "Pops" concert was held in Dodd Auditorium under the direction of conductor Kevin Bartram...The Mary Washington College Chorus, the Fredericksburg Singers, the Women's Chamber Choir, and the College's show choir presented a holiday concert...The MWC department of music presented a flute festival in Pollard Hall.

January

Belle S. Wheelan, Virginia's Secretary of Education, was the keynote speaker for MWC's Martin Luther King Jr. celebration in Dodd Auditorium...The Mary Washington College Galleries presented the exhibition, "Phyllis Ridderhof Martin," from January 23-March 7 in celebration of the 10th anniversary of the Ridderhof Martin Gallery...Selections from the collection of local African-American art collector Jeremy Austin were on exhibition in the foyer of the Ridderhof Martin Gallery. The African-American art exhibition coincided with the offering of a new class on African-American art during the spring semester by the department of art and art history...Pianist Lynne Mackey presented a solo recital in Dodd Auditorium. The recital of music by Russian composers and Chopin contained many short musical vignettes, and was characterized by a romantic spirit, full of energy and lyricism...The department of business administration at Mary Washington College offered a free, two-day training session for tax preparers who volunteer their services to help low-income and elderly residents with their tax returns.

February

Mary Washington College celebrated Black History Month with a series of performances, lectures and film screenings. Included were: the annual Step Show and Competition; a lecture by Lena Williams, senior editor for the *New York Times* and author of *It's the Little Things: The Everyday Interactions that Anger, Annoy and Divide the Races*; Voices of Praise with a "Gospel Extravaganza"; a concert by the Jazz Band. Other events included open class lectures, and film screenings of "FUNDI" (the story of Ella Baker), Disney's "Song of the South" and "Xala," a satirical examination of sociopolitical issues in Senegal following independence from France...Christopher Kilmartin, MWC professor of psychology, performed his comedy show, "Crimes Against Nature," in Dodd Auditorium, with proceeds going to the Rappahannock Council Against Sexual Assault...An exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors were on display in the duPont Gallery...MWC hosted a slide presentation by two curatorial staff members of the National Museum of History about the museum's Division of Birds. In 2001, Christina Gebhard and Brian Schmidt worked with two other experts at Eglin Air Force Base in Florida to research ways to reduce the number of birds struck by airplanes in that area, often resulting in injury to pilots and millions of dollars in damage to aircraft...Seven Mary Washington College students were selected to participate in two intercollegiate bands this spring. Freshman Dana Suich of Fredericksburg, sophomores Melissa Marchese of Virginia Beach and Kelly Timmerman of Charlottesville, and juniors Lindsay Biddinger of Fredericksburg, Amy Creech of Winchester, Emily Florio of Waterford, Vt., and Jeff Sinclair of Stafford were accepted into the Virginia Chapter, College Band Directors National Association (CBDNA) Symposium Intercollegiate Band. This band is selected by audition from the finest musicians in the state and played the works of three composers-in-residence at the University of Richmond... Jeremy Austin, a local artist and collector of African-American art, lectured on "A New Frontier: Collecting African-American Art"...MWC celebrated the opening of the Leidecker Center for Asian Studies, located in Trinkle Hall, Room B39...The Mary Washington College department of theatre and dance presented "The Laramie Project," by Moisés Kaufman and the members of the Tectonic Theatre Project. This play tells of the 1998 murder of Matthew Shepard, a gay college student in Wyoming, who was savagely beaten, tied to a fence post and left to die... The Mary Washington College Chorus, the Fredericksburg Singers and the Mary Washington College show choir, Encore, presented a "Lighter Side" concert...The Mary Washington College Wind and Percussion Ensemble presented its annual "Good Buddy Concert" titled "World Tour"...John H. Christy of the Smithsonian Tropical Research Institution gave a lecture on "Deception: the Correct Path to Enlightenment?"

Belle S. Wheelan

March

The Mary Washington College Preservation Club presented "Women in Preservation," a historic preservation conference that explored women's changing roles in the field of historic preservation...Mary Washington College's Cultural Awareness Series continued with speaker Annie Wang, a Chinese-American author who recently published her first English novel...MWC celebrated Women's History Month with numerous events: The Preservation Club hosted a conference, "Women in Preservation"; Lindsay Smith, a singer and songwriter, presented a kick-off concert; Rhoda E. Howard-Hassmann lectured on "Women's Rights in Northern Nigeria: The Flogging of Bariya Magazu"... Farzaneh Milani, a specialist in women's studies at The University of Virginia, lectured on "Roses and Nightingales: Women, Mobility and Modernity in Iran" as part of the Cultural Awareness Series...Kristin Cantwell, a senior majoring in theater at the College, presented "Confessions of an Invisible Woman," a solo performance written by Ms. Cantwell about her struggle with her weight...Professor of English Carol Manning was a guest on the public radio program "With Good Reason," dis-

Lena Williams

Farzaneh Milani

Jody Williams

cussing early 20th century author Ellen Glasgow and her writings on the dying Southern order...Fiber artist Lee Malerich delivered a lecture about how her experience with cancer affected her creativity. The lecture, about a recent embroidery series titled "Cancer Chapter," took place in Jepson Science Center...An exhibition featuring the artwork of four senior studio art majors was on display in the duPont Gallery at Mary Washington College from March 21-30...The Mary Washington College-Community Symphony Orchestra performed in concert with the theme, "Tribute." The program featured a new work by award-winning composer James Grant of Delaware, who said his goals in composing "Tribute" were "to commemorate September 11, 2001, to reflect upon the acts of valor that surfaced in its wake, and to acknowledge the resilience and perseverance of the human spirit"... The exhibition "Nathan Haenlein: Supplanted" was held in the Ridderhof Martin Gallery... Naomi J. Norman, associate professor of classics at the University of Georgia, presented "Putting People Back into the Ancient City: The Archaeological Evidence for Carthage"... The Mary Washington College Combined Chorus and Encore, the College's show choir, presented their spring concert...The 13th annual Multicultural Fair took place in Ball Circle, attracting an estimated 3,000-4,000 people...Susan Dicklitch, assistant professor of government at Franklin and Marshall College, lectured on "Political Asylum in America," concluding the College's James Farmer Lecture Series in Human Rights.

The Nanny, 2001, collage and mixed media, 13-3/4" x 11-1/2" by Jefferson Pinder. Collection of Dayna and Jeremy K. Austin

April

The Mary Washington College Wind and Percussion Ensemble presented its concert, "World Tour," conducted by Craig Thomas Naylor...Mary Washington College hosted a panel discussion on the Iraqi War, "The Nation, The International Community, and the U.S. War with Iraq"...MWC's Nu Xi chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, a national honor society for education, hosted "Reading is Fun Day"...MWC's department of psychology hosted the annual Psi Chi Symposium, featuring keynote speaker Scott T. Allison, MacEldin Trawick Professor of Psychology at the University of Richmond...Nobel Peace Prize Laureate Jody Williams was named Mary Washington College's Distinguished Visiting Lecturer for the James Farmer Visiting Professor in Human Rights program. She was in residence at the College for one day and delivered an address in the Great Hall...The Department of Theatre and Dance presented Shakespeare's "A Midsummer Night's Dream"... Speaker of the House of Delegates William J. Howell gave the keynote speech during the Veterans Small Business Day hosted by the Rappahannock Region Small Business Development Center and the U.S. Small Business Administration...Encore, the MWC show choir, performed "The Hottest Ticket on Broadway"...The Mary Washington College Annual Student Art Exhibition opened with an awards ceremony outside the duPont Gallery. Thirty-six student artists produced a total of 61 works that were considered for department awards in ceramics, drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture and textile design...A new book, *The End of an American Era,* was the subject of a talk by author Charles A. Kupchan, associate professor of government in the School of Foreign Service at Georgetown University...

Alumni News

Message from the President of the Alumni Association

It is my pleasure to again bring greetings from the Alumni Association's Board of Directors. At this writing, spring is finally in full bloom at MWC, students and faculty anticipate the end of classes and the onset of final exams, and the entire campus community has begun preparations for Commencement.

The spring semester has been a busy one for alumni activities. We were fortunate to have President Anderson speak at regional events in Northern Virginia, Baltimore, Hampton, and the Northern Neck. As you will read elsewhere in this issue, Bill Leighty '78, currently chief of staff to Governor Warner and formerly director of the Virginia Retirement System, spent a day on campus in March as this year's Distinguished Graduate in Residence. This program is an excellent opportunity to highlight the accomplishments of outstanding MWC alumni, as Bill's visit demonstrated.

It was my privilege to serve on the Washington Scholarship selection committee this spring. It was exciting and fascinating to interview the top applicants to MWC, who qualify for this prestigious full-ride merit scholarship. These young people are impressive in their achievements and aspirations, and the experience has been a highlight of my tenure as president of the Alumni Association.

I reported in the last issue that the Alumni Board voted to complete the funding of MWC's fifth Washington Scholarship, which is also the beneficiary of the 25th reunion class gift campaign. I am happy to share the news that, at our meeting in April, the Alumni Board voted to name the scholarship for President Anderson, in recognition of his extraordinary service to the College and the Commonwealth of Virginia and in honor of his 20th year as president of the College. President Anderson has provided tremendous support to the Alumni Association, and we are pleased to honor his service and support by naming our next Washington Scholarship for him.

I am also pleased to serve as chair of the College Image and University Name Committee. Some alumni have expressed concern that the name "Mary Washington College" will be lost in the transition to university status. As chair of the committee, I want to assure you that this will not happen. Our committee is charged with preserving the name and character of Mary Washington College and is not permitted to change the College's name. The committee will be considering an undergirding name to connect MWC and its graduate division, the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies. Although rumors and misinformation abound, please know that our first priority is to save the name of Mary Washington College.

If your summer travels bring you to the Fredericksburg area, I hope you will take the time to stop and visit Mary Washington College. There is nothing more rejuvenating than strolling through this campus and taking in familiar sights as well as new facilities. Come back often and stay in touch.

Kathleen Shepherd Mehfoud '70

President's Key Reception

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The second annual President's Key Reception was held at Brompton on April 4, 2003. Dr. and Mrs. Anderson welcomed members of the Brompton, Cornerstone, and 1908 giving societies to their historic home on Sunken Road; guests posed for a photo and celebrated with a special toast. New members to this group were presented with hand-crafted key pins to signify each as a "Key to the Future" of Mary Washington College.

Bill Leighty '78

BY CYNTHIA L. SNYDER '75

When Bill Leighty graduated from Mary Washington College in 1978, he was one of nine men in the graduating class. Twenty-five years later, he returned to MWC in the role of Distinguished Graduate in Residence. He has spent the intervening years in state service, beginning as a research economist with the Virginia Department of Taxation and culminating with his current position as chief of staff to Governor Mark Warner. Prior to accepting this appointment, he served as Director of the Virginia Retirement System. He also served as assistant director of the Governor's Commission on Government Reform, deputy commissioner of the Department of Motor Vehicles, and deputy secretary of transportation. In his current position, Leighty's responsibilities include serving as the deputy planning and budget officer, deputy personnel officer, chief liaison officer with members of the General Assembly, and manager of the governor's office.

As Distinguished Graduate in Residence, Leighty spent a day on campus addressing classes and meeting with students and faculty. Leighty, who earned his undergraduate degree from MWC in economics, returned to his former haunts in Monroe Hall to address a political science class and two economics classes. He also spoke to a senior-level auditing class in the business administration department.

Professor of Economics Robert Rycroft invited Leighty to speak to his Public Finance class so that the students could discuss state-level issues and receive inside information from someone

who is involved with them on a daily basis. "He exceeded my expectations," said Rycroft. "My students asked a steady stream of questions that was only interrupted by the end of class. Once again, the Distinguished Graduate in Residence class has proven to be a valuable academic resource."

Senior economics major Rachel Ungerer '03, one of a group of students and faculty invited to lunch with Leighty, echoed Professor Rycroft's praise. "Mr. Leighty emphasized the importance of the knowledge he gained through his economics major at Mary Washington College and stressed the benefits of the economics discipline towards real-world applications. I was pleasantly surprised at how personable and easy-going Mr. Leighty was, considering the superiority and stress associated with his position."

Assistant Professor of Business Administration Dan Hubbard enjoyed Leighty's presentation to his senior-level auditing class because it allowed his students to see how their discipline directly affects the heart of government. Leighty's high-energy talk to this group of future accountants helped affirm their choice of career, especially when he told them that he actually reads audit reports. He advised the students that "good auditors don't just do numbers; they read murder mysteries," indicating that auditors often come up with solutions because they tend to ask questions.

One of the day's special highlights was a surprise visit from Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy George Van Sant during an open session with students, faculty and staff. Leighty introduced Van Sant to current students as "the first professor who gave me a flunking grade at MWC (on a test in his Introduction to Logic class)." He briefly reminisced about his days at MWC, when he initially hated literature and art and therefore took classes such as Short Fiction with the late Carlton Lutterbie, and Science Fiction as Literature, with Professor of English Bill Kemp. Leighty related that through these classes, he began to realize the importance of strong writing skills and the value of developing a wider view.

"I love crises," Leighty said at one point. He considers his proudest moment to date as being the time he prevented the National Guard from being issued ammunition during the Virginia Beach riots in the late 1980s. He considers his current job to be the biggest challenge he has faced in his years of public service.

At 4:00 p.m., after his final class, Leighty headed back to Richmond — not to his home, but to the office. It was Friday, March 21, the country had just declared war on Iraq, and Leighty was facing a day's worth of messages and decisions. Despite these conditions, Leighty had made time in his hectic week for his alma mater, further elevating his status as a truly dedicated and distinguished graduate.

Bill Leighty, left, with a group of Mary Washington students who attended one of his lectures in Monroe Hall.

Distinguished Professor Emeritus of Philosophy George Van Sant, right, paid a surprise visit to one of Leighty's classes.

Cynthia L. Snyder '75 is MWC's director of alumni relations.

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BY ROSS RAMSEY '93

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Ms. Munson has many special memories of her years at MWC, and the friends and people she met. "During my years at Mary Washington College, I met a diverse group of women who have achieved so much since graduation." Ms. Munson served as president of the residence hall at Trench Hill, and she says she met many of these women there.

That is one reason Ms. Munson offered her support to the new Alumni Executive Center campaign, which will involve a complete renovation of Trench Hill. Ms. Munson entered into a charitable gift annuity contract with the MWC Foundation and directed the ultimate proceeds to benefit the new facility. "It is a great investment and an investment you can feel good about," she says, "and it was easy to do."

Marsha Wilkins Munson '62 attends many events at MWC, including this scholarship luncheon in April 2002. She is shown in the photo above with Sarah Dudley '03.

Ms. Munson also established a scholarship at the College to honor her parents, and she made a provision through her will to eventually add additional funds to the scholarship. "My mother wanted to go to college, but was never able to," says Ms. Munson. "This provided me the opportunity to honor both my parents, as well as to thank Mary Washington College for changing my life for the better."

One day, the College will benefit monetarily from Ms. Munson's generous planning. In the meantime, Mary Washington College benefits from her love for others and the example she sets for us all.

For information about establishing a charitable gift annuity with the College, or making a simple bequest provision, please contact:

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Building on Tradition

As construction of the Alumni Executive Center progresses, the Finishing Committee is finalizing plans to furnish the interior. The decor will reflect three themes to represent the nearly 100-year history of Mary Washington College and its ties with students, alumni and the Fredericksburg area — a sense of history, a sense of pride, and a sense of community.

You can help by donating fine furnishings, carpets or accessory items to create an elegant and inviting decor that reflects generations of use. The Richmond-based design firm of *beaty & brown* has prepared specific criteria for items needed, and they will assess all items offered for consideration.

To request information about donating gifts-in-kind or monetary gifts, please call the President's Office at (540) 654-1301 or send e-mail to mcorbin@mwc.edu.

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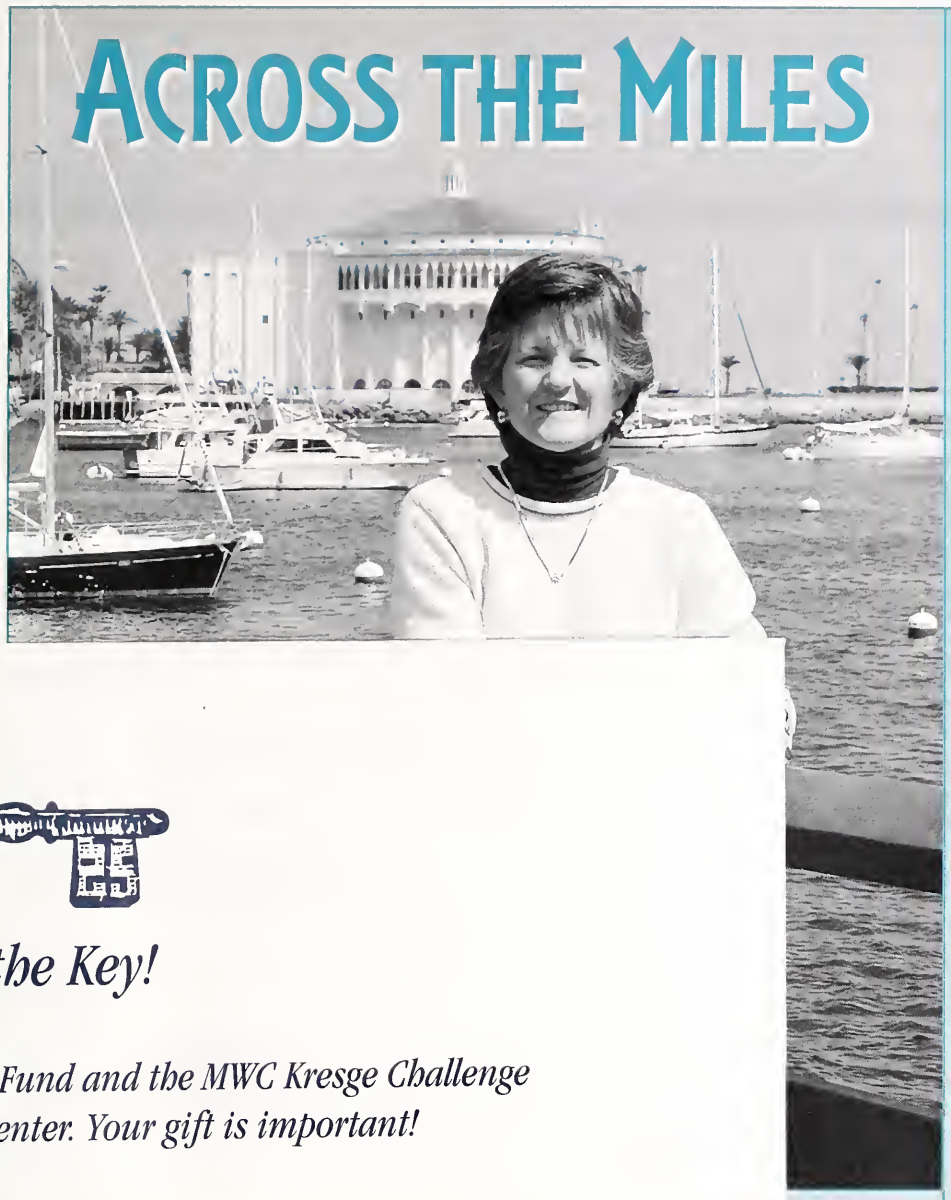

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

Mary Washington College alumni live and work all across the country. Regardless of the geographical distance, one alumna says her ties to the College remain as close as ever.

"MWC was my home away from home," says Armecia Spivey Medlock '75, now a resident of southern California. "The campus was ... and is still ... so beautiful with its Georgian architecture, green expanses and big old trees. It always reminded me of a home with a huge yard."

Armecia credits MWC for her lifelong career and financial success. "MWC was definitely the right college experience for me. The communication and analytical skills I learned at MWC, coupled with my liberal arts education, really helped me find my career niche," she says. "At the time of my retirement a few years ago, I felt I had arrived at a level in my working career that was possible only because of the solid foundation of my MWC education and experience."

A longtime supporter of the Mary Washington College Annual Fund, Armecia is currently a member of the President's Council Brompton Society. "MWC played such an important role in my life; I believe it is important to give back to help others who can benefit from an excellent education as well. As an alumna, I always enjoy talking with students during the annual Phonathon to hear about their experiences and to find out what's happening at the College. That is when I usually make my Annual Fund pledge."

This year, Armecia has extended her generosity to offer support to the 2003 Senior Challenge. If the graduating class meets its goal, she will make a significant contribution to enhance their total class gift to the College. "I think it is important for young alumni to begin the process of giving," says Armecia. "They may not be able to give very much at first, but as their career develops and grows, so can their contributions to MWC. The same can be said for all of us."

Now that she has retired, Armecia devotes her time to her husband, Gene, her two children and several charitable groups. She also enjoys tennis and other California activities, however, she says she is still a Virginia girl at heart.

Donna Harter Raab is the director of development communications.

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Funds in excess of $1.25 million will be designated to meet the MWC Kresge Challenge	$6.0 million goal

All gifts must be received before June 30, 2003, to count toward the goals. Please use the envelope provided in this magazine to make your gift today. For additional information, visit the MWC Foundation Web site at www.mwc.edu/gift, or call (888) MWC-0004.

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"My preparation at Mary Washington in the classroom, extra-curricular activities and studies abroad prepared me well for my career in counseling," says Marsha Wilkins Munson '62 with a nostalgic smile on her face. "Dr. Van Sant was very encouraging to me through 'The Great Works Seminar' program."

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Ms. Munson has many special memories of her years at MWC, and the friends and people she met. "During my years at Mary Washington College, I met a diverse group of women who have achieved so much since graduation." Ms. Munson served as president of the residence hall at Trench Hill, and she says she met many of these women there.

That is one reason Ms. Munson offered her support to the new Alumni Executive Center campaign, which will involve a complete renovation of Trench Hill. Ms. Munson entered into a charitable gift annuity contract with

Marsha Wilkins Munson '62 attends many events at MWC, including this scholarship luncheon in April 2002.

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the Finishing Committee is finalizing plans to furnish the interior. The decor will reflect three themes to represent the nearly 100-year history of Mary Washington College and its ties with students, alumni and the Fredericksburg area — a sense of history, a sense of pride, and a sense of community.

You can help by donating fine furnishings, carpets or accessory items to create an elegant and inviting decor that reflects generations of use. The Richmond-based design firm of *beaty & brown* has prepared specific criteria for items needed, and they will assess all items offered for consideration.

To request information about donating gifts-in-kind or monetary gifts, please call the President's Office at (540) 654-1301 or send e-mail to mcorbin@mwc.edu.

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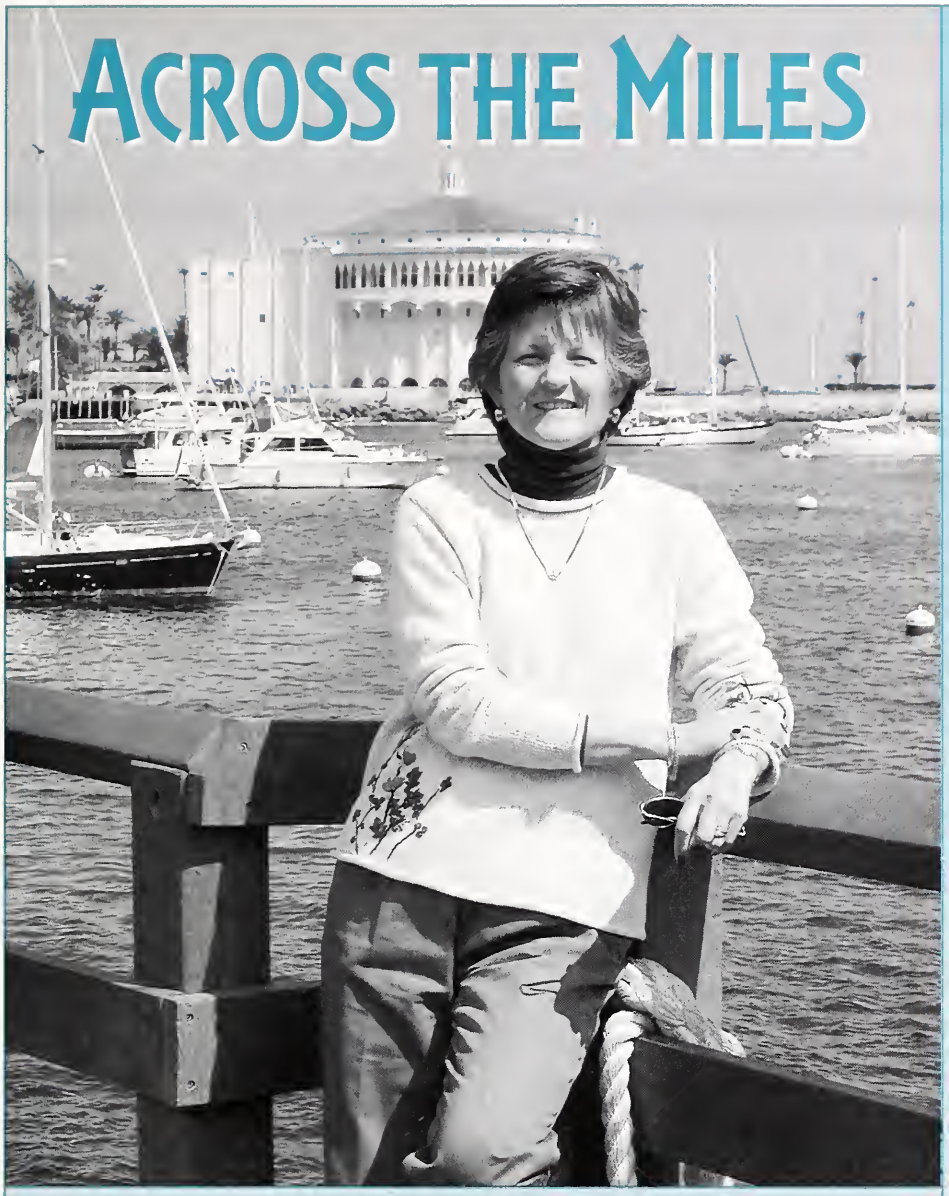

BY DONNA HARTER RAAB

Mary Washington College alumni live and work all across the country. Regardless of the geographical distance, one alumna says her ties to the College remain as close as ever.

"MWC was my home away from home," says Armecia Spivey Medlock '75, now a resident of southern California. "The campus was ... and is still ... so beautiful with its Georgian architecture, green expanses and big old trees. It always reminded me of a home with a huge yard."

Armecia credits MWC for her lifelong career and financial success. "MWC was definitely the right college experience for me. The communication and analytical skills I learned at MWC, coupled with my liberal arts education, really helped me find my career niche," she says. "At the time of my retirement a few years ago, I felt I had arrived at a level in my working career that was possible only because of the solid foundation of my MWC education and experience."

A longtime supporter of the Mary Washington College Annual Fund, Armecia is currently a member of the President's Council Brompton Society. "MWC played such an important role in my life; I believe it is important to give back to help others who can benefit from an excellent education as well. As an alumna, I always enjoy talking with students during the annual Phonathon to hear about their experiences and to find out what's happening at the College. That is when I usually make my Annual Fund pledge."

This year, Armecia has extended her generosity to offer support to the 2003 Senior Challenge. If the graduating class meets its goal, she will make a significant contribution to enhance their total class gift to the College. "I think it is important for young alumni to begin the process of giving," says Armecia. "They may not be able to give very much at first, but as their career develops and grows, so can their contributions to MWC. The same can be said for all of us."

Now that she has retired, Armecia devotes her time to her husband, Gene, her two children and several charitable groups. She also enjoys tennis and other California activities, however, she says she is still a Virginia girl at heart.

Donna Harter Raab is the director of development communications.

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$890,025 received in unrestricted gifts as of 5/1/03

$359,975 needed before 6/30/03

$1.25 million goal

Funds in excess of $1.25 million will be designated to meet the MWC Kresge Challenge

MWC Kresge Challenge for the Alumni Executive Center

$5.4 million received in gifts and pledges from private sources as of 5/1/03

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All gifts must be received before June 30, 2003, to count toward the goals. Please use the envelope provided in this magazine to make your gift today. For additional information, visit the MWC Foundation Web site at www.mwc.edu/gift, or call (888) MWC-0004.

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It is sad to report that **Elvere Conner Cox** died last October in Charlottesville, Va. Elvere lived in Manassas for 83 years and moved to Charlottesville in the early 1990s. She was graduated with honors from MWC as president of her class. She was best known in her community for writing the "In and Around Manassas" column in *The Journal Messenger*. The column, which Elvere wrote for 63 years, covered all manner of local life, from garden club meetings to gossip. Over the years, she was also a contributing journalist for the *Washington Star* and other newspapers. Her love of family, friends and community was vividly reflected in well over 3000 columns.

Elvere was a member of the Manassas, Town and Country and Rocky Run garden clubs and the United Daughters of the Confederacy. She was also a member of the Virginia Council of Nationally Accredited Flower Show Judges, and was the first nationally accredited judge in Prince William County as well as the first to receive a master's certificate.

Elvere's husband of 37 years, Frank D. Cox Sr., died in 1979. Our condolences go to her son, Frank D. Cox Jr. of Charlottesville, her family and friends.

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I was thrilled to hear from some of you again. **Doris Mills Haven** and her husband, Dexter, live in Yorktown. He retired as professor emeritus from The College of William and Mary School of Marine Science. She was an elementary school teacher in Yorktown. They have enjoyed taking many cruises and have been able to travel through all 50 of the United States as well as many foreign countries.

I had a nice phone conversation with **Margaret "Peggy" Smith Doley**, who is now living at Williamsburg Landing in the section called Woodhaven. **Zella Cornwell Tiller** lives in the Manassas area, where she has always lived. After 31 years of teaching, she is retired and now enjoys community affairs and church. **Eleanor Sutton Heath** is in New Bern, N.C. We have discovered that our backgrounds were very similar. Both of our mothers attended Blackstone Female Institute in Blackstone, Va., in the early 1900s; and the similarities of other things went on and on — this reminded me of our hanging-out days at MWC!

Lucile Holloway Booker lives in Northern Neck at Farnham, Va. She and her husband, Erasmus Derwin, have been married 61 years. She taught school for one year at Heathsville, Va., and after that she studied at The College of William and Mary to become a certified librarian. She pursued that field for many years prior to her retirement. She indicated that she is in good health and enjoys life.

Doris Cooper Epstein wrote from Newport News, Va., that she is fairly well and lives on the first floor of a high-rise, Windward Towers. Her son and his wife live on the second floor and always take good care of her. She said that she has been painting since she was 12 years old and is doing watercolor painting now. She sold one for $100 but usually keeps them or gives them to family and friends. She is very grateful for her painting talent and counts her blessings.

One of my close friends at MWC was **Abbie Bourke Reid**. A sad message came from her husband, Numa, from Pawleys Island, S.C., telling me of Abbie's death. I was the only attendant in their wedding in the fall following our graduation at MWC.

Forrest and I have sold our Florida home of 21 years. This represents a big change in our lives. We are now living full time in Richmond at Cedarfield, a Methodist retirement complex, near two of our daughters. This is a nice place to spend our twilight years. I even have a small garden for flowers in the backyard. Of course this is very appealing to the old farmer's daughter! We are in reasonably good health and I can still pick up the hoe! We just count our blessings.

That is all the news, friends. Do keep cards and letters flowing.

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Margaret Clark Tiffany wrote to inform classmates that her husband, Forrest Fraser Tiffany, passed away in September 2002. He died peacefully after a stroke. Margaret and Forrest were married for 60 years and have three grown children and four grandchildren. They moved to Woodside, Calif., in 1963, and she is living there. Margaret still enjoys antiquing and plays bridge a couple of times a week. She was back in Fredericksburg for her 50th reunion and is looking forward to the 75th!

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It was good to hear from so many of you, and I hope each of you will continue to keep in touch.

Lillian King Everett appears to be the busiest '45er, so I'll start with her whirlwind of activities. A knee replacement, followed by recuperation in a rehab center, is the first in her list of 2002 happenings. She progressed from walker to cane to no cane, and soon the fun trips began. Included are trips to Elizabeth City, N.C.; Smithfield, Md.; Fredericksburg; Windsor, N.C.; Lancaster, Pa.; Nags Head; Bedford, Va., and all were interspersed with frequent jaunts to Dover Downs. These, as well as eating out with friends, volunteer work at church, and visiting hospitals and nursing homes make Lillian a whirl of energy. Oh, yes, there is bingo, too. The best news this year was the discharge by her cancer doctor in October.

Ann Dawideit Dickinson wrote that the big news in the Fredericksburg newspaper is that MWC will once again go for university status. All is very well with Ann's family.

Dorothy "Skip" Potts Taylor and Wally enjoy living in a retirement community in Kennett Square, Pa. Last fall, Wally experienced a heart

flare-up which landed him in the hospital for a myriad of tests and a heart catheterization. Medication is taking care of the problem. The latest report from his cardiologist was good, so they are busy planning a six-week stay at Siesta Key, Fla., where they have wintered previously. Skip and Wally were looking forward to a family holiday at daughter Barb's new home in Waldorf, Md.

Christine Brauer Krausse and Spott continue planning trips for their church family, which included trips to Gatlinburg, Tenn., and Lancaster, Pa., in 2002. They are proud of their new great-grandsons, and in January there will be a great-granddaughter. The Krausse family is growing.

Louise Lilly Barrett wrote that all is well in the Barrett family. She keeps in close touch with **Jean Hudson Inskeep**, who was her roommate. One of Lil's neighbors is an old family friend of mine from Parksley. Small world, isn't it?

One of the joys and pleasures of the Christmas season is hearing from my MWC friends. Jean Hudson Inskeep called, and we tried to catch up on a whole year's news on the telephone. Her husband, Russell, has multiple health problems and requires much care. Jean has help, but she is his constant caregiver. They are very fortunate to have their sons and families nearby. Their granddaughter is planning an April wedding.

Betsy Shamburger Eggleston and Dick continue to travel in spite of some health problems. They prefer small cruise ships as their mode of travel. The last two were from St. Thomas and Belize. Betsy had a Christmas note from her sophomore suitemate, **Mary Boynton Hargraves**, who divides her time between Florida in the winter and Canada in the summer to be close to her children.

One of the nicest surprises I had in 2002 was a visit with **Doris Lanham Einbinder** and Jack, who were traveling up the shore from Virginia Beach to their home in Alexandria. They both looked great, and we had such fun laughing and reminiscing about our years at MWC with mutual friends. Since then, Jack has had surgery, which went well; Doris wrote that soon he was back on the golf course. Doris enjoys time with her family, children, grandchildren and her 105-year-old mother.

I always look forward to **Nancy Aitcheson Taylor** and Bill's Christmas letter detailing the many, varied activities of the Taylor clan. Bill calls 2002 a rebuilding year; Nancy, with the help of skilled home and health aides from Sierra Leone and Ghana, has been restoring Bill's health and strength following a long hospital confinement. Nancy and Bill welcome visits from family, friends and classmates. Their home and garden, as well as Nancy's creating pastel paintings, keeps Nancy busy. Their daughter, Kathy, is coping with chemo treatments, but the prognosis is good. Church projects and searching for ancestral roots occupy Bill's time. Their five children's families provide much fun and many interests for Nancy and Bill.

Elinor McClellan Cox DeCamp and John's annual trek to Phoenix did not happen this year due to John's multiple health problems. Last fall, he experienced difficulty in breathing caused by pneumonia and was hospitalized and then confined to a nursing home for several weeks. This, in addition to other complications, made McClellan glad they are in Indiana close to her son, family and friends, as well as the doctors and hospital. These all provide McClellan with much needed love and support.

Gloria Post Goodsell and Roger stay in the fast lane traveling and keeping up with many activities in and around Tyler, Texas. Last fall, they accompanied friends on a cruise to Nova Scotia, sailing from Boston. Like the rest of us, they have made frequent visits to doctor's offices for tests and procedures, but all is well and they are very grateful. The highlight of their trips was attending their granddaughter's December graduation from Baylor U. as an honor student, a proud time for Gloria and Rog.

Grace Bailey Lindner and Carl continue volunteer work at Wilton and with the Salvation Army as well as being active participants in many church activities and programs. However, all this was put on hold last spring due to Grace's illness and surgery. She attributes recuperation to good medical attention, prayers and the care and love of faithful Carl. They and their two son's families, who all live in Smithfield, spent time and holidays together. They are ardent Hokies and enjoy many of the games with other Tech fans.

Ruth Parks Crockett has two exciting events to report. In January, she and **Marguerite Pruitt Luce** attended the inauguration of the new governor of Maryland in Annapolis. Ruth and Marguerite were childhood friends and roommates at MWC. In May, Ruth and her family were proud to attend the graduation of her grandson, Keith, at the U. of Virginia. These golden years do have some wonderful and exciting events for us to enjoy.

There is not much news for Jack and me. Our lives and activities have not changed significantly. Like many others, our calendar is full of various doctors' appointments, and there are some health challenges. We begin each day with an extra cup of coffee to get us going, and we are very thankful for many blessings. One of our memorable events in 2002 was a trip to Boston to celebrate our 56th anniversary and revisit many places Jack remembered as a sailor in 1942-46. I ate lobster every day! It was a fun trip, and flying was not the struggle we had anticipated.

Thanks to all of you who wrote. It strengthens the bonds of friendship. I hope this will be an inspiration for others to write.

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Boffus certainly appreciate the thoughtful cards received from classmates during the holidays. Though the old adage "No news is good news" may have some basis in logic, it is not conducive to interesting class notes! **Charlotte "Chot" Baylis Rexon** echoed the old saw in writing, "No news; at our age, I guess that's good!" We later learned of Chot and Fred's lovely cruise to Nova Scotia last fall, which is news to us!

The summer 2002 issue of *MWC Today* with its cover story of our legendary Dean of Women drew many fond memories and comments from several classmates. Those who never knew her may now refer to her as Nina Bushnell, but she always preferred the more formal Mrs. Charles Lake Bushnell.

Jean "Murph" Murphy Baptist especially had loving words for "Madame B." Murph also passed along word of **Virginia "Jinny" Merrill MacLeod** and Mac, who sent her a card from Amsterdam during their travels abroad last year. Jean's son, Edward, his wife, son, daughter, cat and dog are all in Germany for three years. He was sent to Kosovo in November for a six-month tour of duty. Her knees and back permitting, Jean hoped to visit them sometime in the spring. She added that her three children and eight grands are all fine. With our current warfare in the Mideast, we keep all our service men and women in our thoughts and prayers.

A card from **Sarah-Kathryn Hayter Helton** told of having become a great-grandmother last year, with another great-grand due in February. During a telephone chat with **Elva Tate Hasher**, she and Elva compared their aches and pains, asking if these really are our golden years? Elva volunteers one afternoon a week at the Medical Park in Mechanicsville.

Last year another classmate in Bristol had ongoing medical problems, basically pulmonary in nature and necessitating many tests, hospitalization, treatments and a lengthy recovery at home. **Lucretia "Lucy" Vance Gilmer** was on oxygen for several months. She was most grateful to her wonderful caregivers, including friends, relatives and visiting nurses, who saw to her every need. Lucy was so surprised by the kind attention afforded her by strangers, who extended unexpected courtesies when they noticed her oxygen equipment. Lucy's words immediately brought to mind those of Blanche DuBois in "Streetcar Named Desire." Having to curtail her usual activities, Lucy had her computer moved upstairs for ready use and to continue her dedicated work for her church. Happily, Lucy felt well enough to celebrate her 75th in July and to gradually get back into her normal routine again. Lucy enjoyed the article about Mrs. Bushnell and mentioned a phone chat with **Barbara Trimm Wright** in South Hill, who also appreciated that issue.

Bristol is no longer the address for **Marion "Wendy" Selfe Kelly** and George. They sold their home last year to move into a retirement residence in Lynchburg. In fact, their home sold too quickly, and they had to wait four months for their new apartment to be finished. In the interim, the Kellys had a fun time spending a month in Quebec, three weeks in Kingston, N.Y.,housesitting for George's nephew and his wife, who were in Switzerland, and the remainder of the time visiting their children and friends. Marion said it was great just to finally retire the suitcases. They look forward to their new life in a lovely place with carefree living, but, she added, "We'll miss our friends in Bristol and wish we could have brought them along."

While awaiting their residence in a new retirement community at Stone Mountain, Ga., **Jackie McConnell Scarborough** and Les said they weren't putting their house on the market yet but were beginning to get rid of stuff before downsizing for their exciting move this spring. Jackie also reported on their grands, saying Jordan is a junior at Riverside Military Academy, with straight As, just made sergeant and took first place and a monetary award for his pottery. Taylor is in sixth grade and Griffin is in fourth, and, Jackie ended, "They're growing up too fast!"

Ann Michael Sturgeon and Fish spent Christmas with their oldest son, who lives in Tennessee. Ann said she and Fish are fairly healthy. She said she remains "pretty much a homebody, but can get excited over a beach visit."

Irene Bornemann Groff had serious heart surgery last year but said she was doing well at year's end. It's always better to hear after the fact that all went well and that our classmate is much better.

A cheery note from **Kate Mayo Schmidt** and Bill reported that they were staying at home in Houston for the holidays and were expecting Bill Jr. and wife to see in the new year.

The Christmas card from **Leora "Nehi"**

Knapp Mora '50 and Peter featured a lovely picture of the Moras taken at the Grey Horse Inn in The Plains, which they found to be a great bed and breakfast. She added, "I can't tell you how much it meant to me to see **Frances 'Frannie' Mattox Hopkinson** about a year before she died. On an impulse, I called her from Lexington, and Peter and I went back via Appomattox and spent two days with her and Ed. We had a wonderful visit and, although Frannie had severe medical problems, we wined and dined like a couple of — dare I say it — college kids!" That's a precious memory of our lovely Frannie.

In April 2001, **Dorothy "Dottie" Desmond Helfrich** took a fabulous Psychic Cruise, especially for those who'd recently lost loved ones, to the Caribbean. Dot reported a very rewarding reading done for her by a psychic medium which, without repeating the details, she found to be a fascinating and believable experience, adding it had helped her through a really hard time.

Last year was one of successive health problems for Dot. Even after a sprained lumbar, a bone spur on her heel and with the ongoing pain of plantar fasciitis, Dot managed to take several trips. In May, she returned to MWC to see her step-granddaughter get her degree and for another look around the familiar, and unfamiliar, campus. In summer, Dot squeezed in a lovely, lengthy tour of all of Cape Cod, including a whale-watching excursion, many day trips, lobster feasts, the JFK Memorial and the wonderful shopping in Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. In September, she went West to canyon country, starting in Arizona to Sedona and on to the awesome Grand Canyon, through the arches and canyons of Utah and ending her Western tour in, as she wrote, "tacky Las Vegas." Calling both trips indescribable, Dot said she took wonderful panoramic pictures.

In October, Dot was rushed to the ER with chest pains, which were the result of a hiatal hernia plus an acid reflux flare-up. In November, the date scheduled for her cataract surgery was her 75th birthday! Adding insult to injury, Dot was rushed back to the ER early in December with terrifying pains caused by a large kidney stone. Even after laser surgery, Dot endured four more trips back to the hospital and, at year end, was about to undergo another attempt to dissolve that stubborn stone. If the procedure proved successful, Dottie was really anticipating a soothing two-week South American cruise in February of the periphery of Chili, Argentina, Cape Horn, Buenos Aires and other ports of call. Any classmate who has endured even one of those maladies has to be empathetic, much less the combined total!

Following publication of the summer issue of *MWC Today*, a letter arrived from a long-lost classmate signed only with her married name. With a few clues, a li'l detective work and a phone call, we now are able to include an update on **Evelyn "Dolly" Settle Petersen**, who was with us for freshman and sophomore years. Dolly saw a friend's copy of said issue and wrote to Andi. Dolly asked about **Jane Yeatman Spangler**, who had been a bridesmaid in her wedding in December 1948. Dolly now has three children and six grandchildren. She and Bob had 43 good years together, and she is grateful for them all. She then told of the vacation they had taken to Montreal with two couples with whom they had shared many trips and cruises. Their first night in Montreal, Bob suffered a massive heart attack, which was fatal. She said their friends were wonderfully supportive in that terribly traumatic loss. Dolly moved to the Falcons Landing Retirement Community when it opened in 1996. She finds the location in Sterling, Va., convenient, only 15 minutes from Dulles Airport, especially for visits with her children and grands.

By coincidence, **Bettey Purnell Logan** chose her Christmas card as an opportunity to also ask for Jane's address. Jane and Bob were in D.C. visiting their daughter during the holidays and, while Betty and Jane didn't get to visit in person, they had a long catch-up phone chat.

As you know, Roland Westbrook is the widower of our dear **Irvin "Kitten" Whitlow Westbrook**, and he keeps in touch with her MWC buddies, always including news of their four daughters. Diane is editor of *UPDATE*, the national magazine for the United Network for Organ Sharing (UNOS). Donna continues as human resources manager for Massey Energy. Dawn married Dr. Carl Boyd last October in Sedona, Ariz., and returned to Richmond, where Carl is finishing his residency at MCV. Dawn also has roles in two TV movies to air this year. Denise has relocated to Tampa, Fla., where she works for DataTech. And Roland still enjoys his daily bike ride and doing volunteer work at Retreat Hospital.

There was a timely reunion in spring 2002 when **Barbara Watson Barden** and Bob spent a couple days with **Anna "Andi" Dulany Lyons** in Manassas. On the spur of the moment, they called Roland to come join them. Though he couldn't stay overnight, they did have a grand day-visit, and they plan to do it again sometime this year.

In our last issue, we recapped Andi's many trips and travels of last year. While she admits it was almost too much, too soon after Keith's death, she ended the year tired but happy. One highlight of her year was the reported trip to Arizona in September with her four sons, two daughters-in-law and one grandchild for the special occasion of the boys' Devening grandfather's 100th birthday. With 71 members of his extended family present, in addition to town and family parties, the Arizona Diamondbacks baseball club held a "Norman Devening Night" and had him throw out the first ball. Besides occupying a skybox with refreshments and team caps for family and friends, Grandpa Devening was given a team jacket with his name and the number 100 on the back. He received a standing ovation when he pitched the first ball. As he later said, "Yes, it was my best curve ball; it went straight up, curved, and came back down again." At year-end, he was having more health problems but was still hanging in there. Certainly we wish him well.

Andi wasn't able to visit with **Betty Bond Heller Nichols** last year because B.B. was needed to nurse her daughter, Cathy, who had become very ill with the cruise virus. As Cathy's husband was away, B.B. was glad she was able to tend to her needs and also was glad not to contract it herself! At last report, Cathy had recovered and B.B. was rehearsing for a play to be performed later this year.

Although we wrote earlier of a recent Fox cable movie titled "RFK, Little Brother" in which **Corrine "Conni" Conley Stuart** donned a black wig for her role as Rose Kennedy, we were outfoxed when it aired as "RFK" last fall, and we missed it. Now we report a rare opportunity to see our blonde Conni as a redhead and/or with blue hair. If you find a TV listing for "Big Spender," probably an HBO movie, starring Casper van Diem, you may see Conni as redhaired Rita. Then watch for an ABC/Disney TV movie based on the book by Kay Thompson about the antics of the little girl who supposedly lives at New York's famed Plaza Hotel. Titled "Eloise at the Plaza," it stars Julie Andrews as Nanny, the English nursemaid to a mischievous Eloise. Our Conni is featured as Mrs. Thornton, a cranky, blue-haired resident of the Plaza, with a matching blue poodle. The movie may precede this notice as it is due to air sometime in spring. If so, you'll have another chance to catch Conni in her continuing role in "Eloise at Christmastime."

In recent years, Connie and Bonar have spent the holidays with son Curtis and family in St. Louis, giving **June Davis McCormick** and Conni a chance to visit in person. Last December, Conni and Bonar spent eight pre-Christmas days in New York, managing to see seven Broadway shows and "A View From the Bridge" at the Metropolitan Opera, which Conni called "a real thrill." They also went to the Plaza for tea in the Palm Court, where they actually saw a woman resembling Mrs. Thornton and a little girl resembling Eloise — an amazing coincidence or, as they suspect, an ongoing Plaza promotion of their famed Eloise? The Stuarts returned to Toronto just in time to prepare Christmas dinner for 10 old friends.

Conni kindly passed along news of her suitemates. **Norah Pitts Byrnes** and Bill have booked their annual jaunt aboard the *QE II*, this year possibly being the last trans-Atlantic voyage for the ship. Norah will miss the casino, to which she repairs throughout the crossing! **Primm Turner ffrench**'s husband, John, had another successful ceramic exhibition in Ireland last summer, and their grandson, Ben, stayed with them at Galway for LSOG week. No, that's not a Gaelic word; that's an acronym for what Primm calls his visit: Let's Spoil Our Grandson week! **Betsy Thorne Bultman** '50 and John will be joining the Stuarts in September at their cottage north of Toronto for another fun-filled suite reunion.

Dolores "Dee" Ross spent her 73rd birthday in France, visiting Paris and Omaha Beach. Our quick calculation revealed that Dee must have been 16 in her freshman year! From all reports, many — if not all — of us hit the diamond jubilee mark at sometime during the past year. Dee planned a riverboat cruise on the Rhine in early December, visiting the Christmas markets in the towns from Mainz to Antwerp. Dee sent along the news that **Tiffany Warren** '03 is our current Class of '49 scholarship recipient.

Finally, as you are reading this issue, the Fabulous Forty-Niners now are one year away from our 55th Reunion! That's the weekend of June 4-6, 2004. So mark it on your calendars now so you're part of the celebration. Can you think of a better time to be back at MWC?

'Til our next class notes, love to y'all from boffus.

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I hope the year is going okay for all of you so far. In October, news reached me that **Helen Macheras Gregores** had passed away last fall. Much sympathy to the family.

I was so glad to hear from **Patricia Wise Ritter** in August. She was married to the late Dr. **Charles Ritter**. She wrote that she continued performing in theater and television. She created the program and performed as "Janey Jingles" (an educational daily program for preschool children) in the '60s. After she received her M.A. at Ohio State U., she taught at OSU and Ohio Dominican College, both in Columbus. Since retiring to Florida in 1992, she has taught at Stetson U. and Daytona Beach Community College. Pat is the mother of two sons, Jeffrey, an attorney in Washington, D.C., and Christopher, a theatrical producer in Chicago, Ill. She has two granddaughters and one grandson. Pat also wrote that **Frances Chesson LaCamera** and her husband, Frank, recently visited with her in Orange City, Fla. The two were roommates in Willard

Hall in 1947-48. They had not seen or heard of one another until Frances found Pat in the MWC directory. The LaCameras live in St. Petersburg, Fla., and are parents of four children; Kathleen, a Methodist minister, writer and television producer; David, a general contractor; Robert, a business operations analyst and Richard, a gastroenterologist.

Last year **Elizabeth "Fitzie" Fitzgerald Braden** and Mosse got to Hatteras the same time hurricane Gustof did — an experience! On their way back, they stopped in Lynchburg to see **Lucy Hunter Smith Cardwell**, who is doing fine and keeps busy with church and family.

Judy Mack Magee and **Mary Frances Brown Smith** didn't get their reunion pictures. I sent them copies. They had to figure out who several people were — couldn't recognize them. We do change from year to year, don't we?

Cynthia Medley England wrote the following: "To those in the Class of '51 who had Dr. Hugo Iltis for biology, I have a story to tell." His son, Dr. Hugh Iltis, who teaches biology at the U. of Wisconsin, was in Naples, Fla., to speak to the Conservancy of Southwest Florida. Cynthia called him, and they went to lunch and then browsed around in a bookstore. Hugh Iltis told her that his mother was somewhat jealous of Dr. Iltis for teaching the girls at MWC. Cynthia, who had him, said he was a great influence to her in later life.

Cynthia also heard from **Kate "Kitty" Roberts** in Australia. She has traveled extensively, teaching arts and crafts in various schools in the United States and Australia. She lived in the spiritual community of Findhorn, studied holistic art and has loved teaching it ever since. She is now writing seven little leprechaun books, with illustrations. She drove to Bradenton to meet **Dot Kinsey Richardson** and husband Harvey for lunch. Cynthia hopes that if anyone in the '51 crowd ever gets to Naples they'll call her. **Marge Southcott Graham** lives in Naples, also, and they have had a couple of lunches together.

Mary "Andy" Puryear Phillips and her basset hounds enjoyed the cold weather and the snow they had. She is being hampered by osteoarthritis — severe problems in her knees, lesser problems in other joints. She is still able to live alone, since her husband died about seven years ago.

James Donald Whittle wrote that his daughter and her husband had a great time on their vacation to Australia and New Zealand. He and **Bea** '49 are doing a little church work and lots of swimming. His favorite hobby is still the stock market, even if it was crazy last year, and it did teach him a great humbling lesson. Their grandson, Tyler, went on a 16-day trip to Brisbane and Sydney, Australia, with the student ambassador People to People Program with 42 other children from the Norfolk and Virginia Beach area.

Belen Camacho lost her brother, José, in November 2002. Out of five, two sisters and two brothers, she is the only one left. Much sympathy to you, Belen.

Dot Belden Wood has lived in Monroeville, Ala., since 1978. The town of 7,000 plus was the site where the movie "To Kill a Mockingbird" was filmed. She and her family had a well-attended Belden-Devor reunion in St. Augustine in January 2002. They enjoyed a trip to the mountain cabin in Cosby, Tenn., with friends, camped twice, and hunted and fished in season. Last fall, they stayed at Kevin and Laurie's home for a week so they could see grandson Ben run. His team took second place in the South Carolina state meet and was chosen for the eighth- and ninth-grade AAU team for South Carolina. Ben graduated in May from middle school as the outstanding student. Brian, his brother, received several scholastic awards. Megan, 19, finished her first year of college at Ole Miss and then transferred to a college in Atlanta for a degree in fashion design/marketing. Joshua, 24, finished the U. of Mobil in December with a degree in business and was engaged to be married in March. Dot also said they visited Florida in October with friends and had another big Belden gathering at Big Canoe, Ga., at Thanksgiving. Her mother-in-law celebrated 100 years of life in September.

Brooke Woods Frautschi and her husband, Dick, visited former roommate, **Barbara "Bobbie" Davis Clark**, and her husband, Dave, in Maine last summer. Brooke said they had a wonderful visit, and they looked great. In October 2002, Brooke and Dick were invited to China to attend the 10th anniversary of the founding of the Ren Ci Hospital by Brooke's grandfather, Dr. Edgar Woods Jr., a graduate of U.Va. Medical School. Brooke will serve on the international advisory board for the hospital. They are also expecting their third grandchild in January.

Ruth DeMiller Hill filled me in on some information. **Jane Swartz Redgraves**, who lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., lost her husband at the end of last year. **Juanita Pike Cater** said she is going to retire soon. **Betsy Fletcher Adams** and part of her family spent Christmas in Key West. **Winnie Horton Brock**'s daughter, Sherri, was touring the USA from Russia last summer and dropped by Ruth's hometown. They had lunch together with some of Ruth's family. Winnie and Ted's daughter, Debbie, has moved back to the same town where her parents live. Winnie's mom is 92. **Dorothy Culpepper Wingfield** and her husband are living in Florida. His mother lives there, and they are helping her. **Ann Penney Ross** drove through the campus last year. Ruth also heard from Cynthia Medley England, who was planning a freighter trip to the Caribbean for 18 days. Ruth finished her book and is passing it around. Her 11-year-old dog was ill this past fall but is okay now. Vet gave vitamin K to help — it worked. She is still going with Duke.

Judy Mack Magee met Mary Frances Brown Smith, **Kathy Olson Marshall** '52, and **Nancy McLeod Daugherty** '52 in the Washington, D.C., area in mid-October. They have kept in touch with each other over the years. They met in 1949 when Framar opened as the Spanish house. While in Washington, Nancy's daughter and family and Judy's son and family joined the group. They even went one night to dinner in Potomac, Md., where Judy and Harry had their rehearsal dinner. (They had their 50th anniversary in June 2002.) They all decided they hadn't changed a bit. All had a lot of fun; husbands (all good sports) just raised their eyes and pretended they didn't know them. This all took place while the terrible sniper shootings were terrorizing many in Virginia and Maryland.

Martha "Pat" Lancaster Curtis is still in Southern California, south of Los Angeles and six miles from the Mexican border. Her three children and spouses and six grandchildren live in Northern Virginia, but the cold weather is not for her. Her granddaughter is a sophomore at MWC. She also has five grandsons. She and husband Dick are in good health, very active and travel in the United States and abroad. They travel twice each year to Europe and/or Asia and, of course, to Virginia to spoil the grandchildren. In April 2002, they went to London with good friends and spent a few days in the beautiful Cotswolds. In November, they spent two weeks with 16 others traveling about Egypt from Cairo to Abu Simbel in Nubia on the Sudanese border. They crawled through tombs and pyramids, climbed cliffs, sailed on the Nile River, marveled at the beauty of the elegant temples, and every night they had a wine party. In summer they get together with family. Last summer they toured the Indian country around the Four Corners and later spent another week at the beaches of Pawley's Island in South Carolina. Pat invites all to get in touch with her if they are ever in the San Diego/Bonita, Calif., area.

Nancy Stacey Altman and husband Linwood are enjoying retirement and 49 years of marriage. Their son, his wife and three children live at Pawley's Island. He is broker-in-charge of the family real-estate business that her husband started over 40 years ago. Their two daughters and families live in South Carolina, so they get to the beach at least once a month. Stacey and Linwood have six grandchildren, 11 to 3 years. Stacey worked as a trustee of Georgetown Memorial Hospital for 25 years. Now she has more time to bond with her grandchildren, volunteer for reading at an elementary school, become more active in church and do some entertaining.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Smith Hughes wrote, "I am so honored to be appointed a member of MWC's Board of Visitors and most especially pleased with the progress on our new Alumni Executive Center at Trench Hill. In December, I attended the groundbreaking for the AEC and a 'hard-hat luncheon' following. I even took a sledgehammer and drove it into one of the walls at Trench Hill. Great fun!" Betsy and Chuck celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary in September, so now they are one of the golden couples! There is a great deal of excitement in Baltimore as Betsy's family corporation plans a move to a new site. She is handling the public relations for the company and it keeps her busy and out of trouble.

Thanks so much for all your messages. Drop a line anytime — I'll be waiting.

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From Barbara:

After completing a two-year term as president of the auxiliary to Santana Norfolk General and Leigh Hospitals, **Joan Schlesinger Miller** found the time to start a travel program for the Virginia Opera, where she is a member of the finance committee and the executive board. Joan attended a conference in Los Angeles on non-profit travel before joining with 34 other lovers of the arts on a trip to Vienna and Prague. She also spent four days in Ireland checking for a future travel site.

Donna Gray Anderson unexpectedly met former classmate, **Ora Marie Spencer Lambert**, at the 50th reunion of the Class of '52 at Annapolis. They learned that their husbands were both in the 6th Battalion at USNA. Ora Marie and Lloyd were also celebrating the 50th anniversary of their wedding at the academy chapel.

After she limped "all over Florida" for three weeks, **Garnette Bell Crawford** decided to have a knee replacement, from which she was recovering well enough to plan a trip home to Rhode Island and on to New Jersey for Norm's 55th high-school reunion. **Barbara McFarland Carper** had back surgery that involved the fusion of the fourth and fifth vertebrae and steel rods placed on each side of and across the spinal cord. After a few months, she felt well enough to take three short trips. She and John continue with their mission work at church.

Virginia "Ginny" Poole Kinniburgh and John are into their third year of living in the re-

tirement community of Falcons Landing, where they volunteer at the nursing center. Ginny plays piano during Friday lunch hours "to keep on her toes," as she continues to teach her four grandchildren to play. She also enjoys a musical and personal relationship with **Kathryn "Kitty" Garland Obenshain**, who still works part time as composer-in-residence with RU's opera ensemble, for which she also schedules school tours and writes grants. Sadly, last year Kitty lost her mother, who was 88. The memorial service, led by Kitty's pastor along with her daughter-in-law, Rev. Cynthia Jennison, was a great comfort to her.

Much laughter emanated from around the dining room table one afternoon when **Jessie Mackay Foster**, **Joanne Harris**, **Elaine Strawser Cherry**, and Ginny Kinniburgh were gathered, enjoying fond memories of MWC that they found to be dearer and funnier today than when experienced so many years ago — a prelude to our 50th?

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Anne Lou Rohrbach Culwell had an extensive tour of Spain last June. In Barcelona they saw several buildings designed by Gaudi that were opened for his 100th anniversary. She said that now she knows where the word *gaudy* comes from. Their trip included most of the exciting cities of Spain, but she said the bullfight was too gory for her. She has a large extended family. The oldest great-grandchild of 16 got his driver's license last year. The youngest two are 5. Though they are tempted to move to Norman to be near family, she hates to leave the peace of country living after 25 years.

E-mail greetings from the great Northwest came from **Shirley Thacker Kroh**. **Polly Stoddard Heim** is spending time between Florida and Idaho. She is considering my challenge of "I can't believe I did this." But right now she is busy keeping track of grown-up children and six grandchildren.

After an uneventful year, **Mary Kate Bird Dellet** and John spent Christmas with their family at Hilton Head, S.C., and then a week in Florida, where they visited **Phyllis "Bee" Melillo Shanahan** and John.

Elizabeth "Betsy" Blackwell Fowler is on the board of the National Capital Area Federation of Garden Clubs. Last November, she was off to plant a Freedom Tree at the Washington National Cathedral. **Colleen O'Rear Lewis**, also here in the Washington area, keeps busy with her family, who luckily live close by.

If anybody saw a roadrunner zipping across the country in September, it was **Dottie Booth Sanders** and Dewey. They traveled over 6,000 miles in 18 days. Dewey took a class in Las Vegas, where they also saw some shows, then moved on to Oregon, Seattle, Idaho, Montana, Yellowstone, the Grand Tetons and Rocky Mountain National Park. In Boulder, Colo., Dewey ran a marathon.

Minnie Rainey Mayberry and Tom said they have done the United States. They went to the Kentucky Bourbon Festival and did three weeks from San Francisco to Seattle with a lot of Lewis and Clark. They started 2003 with a trip to Florida and planned to visit **Rhoda Browning McWilliams** and **Coralyn White McGeehan**.

Nancy Shope Armbruster said they travel to see family. A visit to Boulder, Colo., with son Ed in November, Thanksgiving in Redondo Beach in Los Angeles with daughter Jean, and in January a trip to Indianapolis to see son Michael, who has the role as lead in his high-school faculty performance of "Oklahoma." **Carole Kolton Bryson** makes biweekly trips to Richmond to see her 101-year-old mother, who is mentally alert but bedridden after a stroke.

By the time you read this, we hope that **Chris Harper Hovis**' son, Joe, is back from his duty at Bagram Air Force Base in Afghanistan, where he is operations officer at the Army hospital. The year has been busy with celebrations and trips in honor of Neil hitting the big 70. Chris got to go back to New York City after an absence of over 55 years. She and daughter Robin went to shows, museums and got to visit the house in which she had lived.

Charlotte Fisher Klapproth's son, Chris, is engaged to **Arlene Fierstein Williams** '88. She has two children, and Chris is excited about inheriting some grands! Charlotte did class two or three rapids at the Mendenhall Glacier in August '96, when it was 32 degrees. She and Chris were in the front of the raft with boots and rain gear. When they got off, they had water up to their knees in their boots. But, she says she'd do it again! More recently, they took a Rhine River cruise just before 9/11/01. They hope to take a Rivers of Russia cruise this year. Charlotte has gone back to work as a receptionist for a real-estate company five minutes from her home. They have bought an RV, which is now a weekend toy, and when she retires they plan to travel in style. She shared that **Maxine Cannaday Sayes** got room and board on a cruise ship for teaching bridge.

My high-school friend and college classmate for our first two years, **Jeanette Carroll Rothrock** '56, and husband Tom were in an automobile accident in December. Tom was killed and Jeanette has extensive bone damage. She is recovering near Richmond, where her son, Bradley, lives.

I am still dancing around, thankfully. I have been enjoying NIA classes taught by **Lisa Howard** '80 since our 45th homecoming, when I took a class from her in the dance studio. Last July in Rindge, N.H., at the Sacred Dance Festival, **Vicky Nichols Wilder** '80 and I danced together. There is an interdenominational sacred dance group, of which she is a member, in Fredericksburg.

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There were about a dozen of us at the reunion last May, and we had a great time in spite of the heat!

Ellen Hertz Hewitt has a new grandson, who lives in Richmond. She and Charlie love being babysitters whenever possible. They had a wonderful trip to Spain last summer with their daughter, son-in-law and two teen-age children. It was such a wonderful experience that this summer they plan on a trip to Italy with their son. They also visited with her sister and husband in Newport, R.I., and loved having a step back in memory to her youth. On their return trip, they spent a few hours with **Betty Rhodes O'Donnell**, who lives in Mystic, Conn., and keeps in touch with **Rena Destefanis Hines**, who lives on the Cape in Falmouth.

Libby Fordham and **Foncie Lawrence Williamson**, best friends since junior high, made another trip to Colorado and Wyoming in August and September. They spent a week in Steamboat Springs and then a week in the Grand Tetons. In January, Libby spent a week in Aruba, while Foncie took off for Florida. Libby's mother, **Beatrice Brangan Fordham** '29, celebrated her 95th birthday in December 2002.

Mary-Montague Hudson Sikes has been a very busy lady! Her novel, *Hearts Across Forever*, was published last summer, winning first place in the National Federation of Press Women 2002 Communications Contest. It also was a PRISM award finalist. She has a new book, *Eagle Rising*, which was published last summer. She is busy planning ways to promote her coffee-table book, *Hotels to Remember*, which she not only wrote but illustrated. Some of her paintings are being exhibited at Crossroads Art Center in Richmond.

Kathy Wall Rice has four grandchildren. Her oldest grandchild finished her first year at U.Va. and loves it. Kathy is still working with her husband, Ben, who is a surgeon in Petersburg, Va. Their oldest son, also Ben, shares the practice with his Dad.

Ann Humphreys Howard is living in Florida with her husband, Bob, since his retirement from the federal government. They have two grandchildren. Her parents, both 91, are in a nursing home facility in Roanoke, which entails a great deal of travel and concern because of the distance.

Ann Jones Belsha and Les were planning a tour of the great rivers of Europe in late April. One of their daughters has moved to Kansas City, Kan., so they will be heading out that way to visit. She enjoys good health and is truly enjoying life.

Jean Durham Busboso reported that one really can go home again! She and her husband, Buz, have moved into their new home on 24 acres in Madison County, Va. Jean had grown up in that area as the daughter of a tenant farmer. They love the views of the Blue Ridge Mountains, the cultivated fields and animals (not theirs). They had a marvelous time in Hawaii attending Buz's 50th high-school reunion. Her marriage to him has introduced her to all sorts of new and wonderful experiences. Prior to his retirement, he was an engineer with NASA. She continues to serve on the Fairfax County employees' retirement board and on the Friends of Virginia Libraries board.

Trudy Hawks Powers is semi-retired and works as administrative editor for the online history journal, Common-place (www.common-place.org). She retired from Clark U. last year after working full time for 27 years as a managerial assistant in various academic departments. She has five grandchildren and enjoys traveling.

In the blink of an eye, our lives changed when my husband, Mahlon (Mal), suffered a very severe traumatic brain injury five years ago Christmas. He has made a dramatic recovery but is unable to return to the practice of law, which has been quite difficult for him to accept. Our days are filled with therapies, doctor appointments and rehab activities. My sister, **Jackie Callahan** '56, lives in Bethesda and is a tremendous help and support to me. I don't know what I would do without her! We are blessed with seven grandchildren and the joy of our daughter, her husband and two wee ones living just a mile away. The grands are the sunshine of our lives! My younger sister, **Maureen Callahan Gallagher** '63, who lives in Fort Wayne, Ind., was here a few times last year for a family reunion and our mother's 90th birthday, and it is always a treat to all be together.

Thank you so much, Ellen, for the previous five years of keeping us up on the news of classmates. You did a great job!

Please let me hear from you with your news so that it can be included in the next *MWC Today*.

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Another year! It's unbelievable how fast they keep coming.

Martha Jane Spilman Clark still resides in Lima, Peru. Martha retired in February as national director of Community Bible Study International. She came stateside to visit son Billy and family and daughter Janie and family. Then her husband, Paul, met her in Florida, and they left for Connecticut to visit friends who organize Peruvian classes (an export-import firm that generates projects for Peruvian street boys). Billy, Yashmin, Faith and Grace will be moving to Fredericksburg. The New Life in Christ Church will raise support for them to come to Peru with the Latin American Mission to start a ministry. Janie's two oldest daughters, Phoebe and Ashly, will be spending three months in Peru, and then Janie's two youngest, Jared and Alexander, will stay for two weeks. Husband Tim finished his MBA in December. They are hoping for a new job in Virginia or D.C. Johnny is in Caracas, Venezuela, and trains personnel for the new Marriott. As room manager, he welcomed President Bush last year on his trip to Lima.

Ann Brooks Coutsoubinas sent postcards in July and August during her annual trip to Greece. Much construction is going on there for the upcoming Olympics in 2004. Ann had to adjust to the Euro currency. She feels many of the old ways are disappearing. Ann is still teaching! Greg enjoys the single life and his paramedic career. Anastasia and Wolf live in New Jersey. Ann was planning to be in Fredericksburg in February to visit her parents, who are both 80.

Mary Carolyn Jamison Gwinn, Burt and her mother moved to Florida in spring 2002 (temporarily, they are in her mother's house in Covington) to be with Cathy, Michael and 2-year-old Mason. **Catherine Swaffin Howard** and John sent a darling picture of their seven grandchildren! I received a commercial postcard from **Phyllis Hartleb Rowley**'s family in San Francisco pictured riding on a cable car. Our celebrities! Phyllis wrote that all is marvelous. Her Christmas card pictured her three sons, wives and six grandchildren and, of course, Phyll and Jim. Phyll continues to golf. She won the member championship and putting tournament and President's Cup. She still plays Palm Beach League tennis. She worked as an official at the LPGA Trump International and will do the Honda Classic this March. She and Jim did some traveling in the Midwest during the year.

Carmen Culpeper Chappell and John have many travel plans for 2003. They were in France for two weeks in January. From May to June they returned to London, and then their favorite cruise line, Seaborne, whisked them to Norway, Denmark, Germany and the North Sea area. Carmen and **Dorothea "Dodie" Reeder Hruby** shared their 65th birthdays together at a sit down formal dinner for 40. It was fantastic! Her absolute favorite project is babysitting daughter Jennifer's three children. Her son, Eric, and wife live only five minutes away.

Luanne Harrison Mortimer has three daughters, two sons-in-law and five grandchildren. During the 25 years Ed was in the Navy, they lived in New York, Virginia, Hawaii, Wisconsin and Korea. After retirement, Ed worked for Avondale Shipyards in New Orleans. They have now retired to Smithfield, Va. Luanne has worked as a kindergarten teacher and an aide. She likes to play golf and enjoys cross-stitching.

Audrey Dubetsky Doyle and Tom are fine. Tom Jr. and wife Jennifer let them baby-sit for Owen and Emma, who love preschool. Tiffany's daughter, Cynthia, 12, paddles on an outrigger team, heads her school's academic decathlon team, and is on the Principal's List.

Aud wrote that there was not much traveling this year, though they did go to Nevada for Valentine's. They are busy with landscaping and refurbishing the pool and deck.

Cecile Duncan Folan was planning trips to China in May with her family and to Greece with friends in July. **Celeste "Pug" Shipman Kaufman** wrote that Alan's UAB Golf Team went to the championships in Ohio. Their number-one player won the Haskins Award (equal to the Heisman Trophy). Pug and Alan went to Oregon for some golf and Lake Tahoe. Lucky Pug's birthday present from Alan last year was a return trip to St. Petersburg, Russia. She said it is sooo beautiful! Alan and Pug were at Vero Beach from January to March. They said **Frances Bourke Firth** and Roger are in Portland, and **Pamela Raumity Laveck** is in Ponte Verde, Fla.

Marcia Phipps Ireland and Gary are still at Princeton. Their kids and grandkids are super! Marcia did a little traveling to the West Coast last year and hopes to do more after Gary retires.

Nancy Brewer McCarthy loves everything about retirement! **Mary Massey** and Jack Meiners, her husband, went in a camper last year to see Ohio. They toured the Hocking Hills area that had beautiful canyons, caves, waterfalls and foliage. They also visited family and friends in Washington and Oregon. In September, they were in England for a week and in Lisbon for a week. They hiked with a British organization, and the weather cooperated with all their hikes. Mary and Jack stay very busy. They garden, cook, can and freeze their produce; participate in breast cancer and anti-war rallies; and take walks in D.C. Jack plays the harmonica and sings weekly at a senior center. He is an avid ragtime and Dixieland listener and collector. Mary volunteers at the Audubon Naturalist Society and copy edits breast cancer and The Children Inn NIH quarterly newspaper. They plan an Appalachian Trail conference in late July in New Hampshire this year.

Patricia Gray Prouix's son, Gray, and his wife, Gina, have transferred to Sarasota. They are really missed by Pam and her children, Austin and Meghan. It's been quite an adjustment for all. Everyone in the family went to Maine again to camp. Pat took her granddaughter, Meghan, to New York just as she took Austin two years ago. They ice-skated, shopped, went to Radio City, saw "The Nutcracker Suite" and took a carriage ride through Central Park in the snow. Pam has returned to teaching.

Gloria Winslow Borden retired after 20 years of teaching at Lee H.S. in Fairfax. She was given many parties and then went to Waikiki Beach in Hawaii for a month. In July, she went to Houston to visit Cynthia's family. In August, Cliff, Leah and Kristin joined her. She flew to California with them and returned home in September. She traveled to Boston for the commissioning of the *USS Preble*. There are now 12 grandchildren

Julia Coates Littlefield and Mo were busy during the year with many house projects and gardening. Mo's morning glories and rose bushes bring raves from Julia. Mo also does much volunteer work. He has been nominated for the vestry at church, serves on the local cancer board, and drives patients to treatments. Julia participates in the church choir, is a member of the church finance committee and plays golf. They have also been able to travel. Scott is managing a daily Website for stock traders out of his home.

Eleanor Markham Old's Arthur continues to be a computer consultant, substitute teacher and flight instructor, serves on the Son's of the Revolution state board and is secretary of the Lancaster County chapter. Eleanor gets in a lot of meetings as the PADAR state historian. She also continues to volunteer at the Dutch Wonderland Kiosk at the Visitors Center. In March, they traveled to Point Harbor. In April, they were in Columbus, Miss., touring antebellum homes. From there, they went to The Natchez Trace and Huntsville to tour the space museum. Arthur and Eleanor were elected for a two-year term on the Richford Foundation (home of the Revolutionary War General Edward Hand).

Marianne Carrano Raphaely wrote that Ross is still working, and she continues to serve on 16 boards. That is bound to be a record for Guinness! Most of Marianne and Russ' traveling last year was in the good old US of A. This year they were planning to go to Asia in February. Russ was to speak in Thailand, and then they planned to visit Vietnam. They feel lucky to have all grandchildren in the area.

Ann Watkins Steves' 2002 was a traveling year, with two weeks in Hawaii, Kauai and Oahu. They hiked, explored, helicoptered and catamaraned, luaued, boogie-boarded and snorkeled. In June, Ann and Bob were in France, Normandy and Calais, and at Dover boarded Celebrity's *Constellation* for a two-week cruise. They also went to Ireland, Scotland, Norway, Denmark and Belgium. Bob is still working at Polatomic. He has also been mentoring and teaching an adult literacy program. Anne is the church librarian and co-teaches a women's Bible study.

Priscilla Brown Wardlaw also continues to work. She likes living close to New York City because she so enjoys visiting museums and theaters. **Charlotte Wohlnick Wiggs** and Archie moved into a restored 1770 log house in Woodstock. Archie stays busy with house renovation projects. He is also working on a pre-Civil War house. Their antique shop is doing well. They keep their main residence in Vienna. Tracy and Andy moved to Mason, Ohio, in August, thanks to Proctor and Gamble. Alan and girlfriend, Dale, run in marathon and Iron Man events. Charlotte and Archie celebrated their 40th anniversary at the Kennedy Center. They took an Elderhostel trip to New Orleans with friends and ended up at the Stone Inn in Middleburg, Va.

Sally Warwick Rayburn and Jim traveled much last year, too. In January they were in Baja. There were whales, dolphins, sea birds and sea lions everywhere. Daughter-in-law Angee was within a couple of feet of touching a mother whale and baby. June, they left Wrightsville Beach on their 46' boat bound for the Chesapeake Bay, visiting friends along the way. They liked traveling the Great Dismal Swamp Canal — the scenery was beautiful. After many boat adventures, they returned home in July. In October, Sally and a friend went to an Elderhostel in Provo, Utah, for an intense class in genealogy. She returned with much information and reams of papers containing research.

Irene Piscopo Rodgers and Don are in good health. He is on the exercise machine, and she plays tennis. In January, Irene attended a company meeting in the Florida Keys with employees from all over the world (Phillips Electron Instruments). She was also in Salt Lake City in January teaching a training course at the U. of Utah. She said the security there was extremely stringent. Her annual ski trip with long-time friends to Lake Tahoe was in February. During the year, Irene spent three weeks in Quebec — loves it and uses her French. In February she met with **Joyce Kirby Erlandsen** at **Carol Agesen Dunigan**'s new house. In the fall she visited with **Ann Watkins Steves** and **Nancy Montrastelle Curnutt** and their husbands to catch up on what's happening.

Barbara Barndt Miller lost her husband, Ralph, in September of lung cancer. Barbara said he never gave up — worked on his shows and fox hunting up to the week before his death. Friends and families have been wonderful to her. She had a delightful visit from Dr. Anderson in July. A sad letter from **Joan Whittemore Loock** said that we have lost **Marden Ireland Bell**. I am sorry to say that she passed away in her sleep in May 2002 in Phoenix, Ariz. Joan and Jim retired from Wisconsin state government in Sep-

tember and moved to Gulf Shores, Ala., in October. They built a house eight miles inland on a golf course. They spend part of their year in New York. Joan's daughter, Mardy, is still in Virginia Beach working as a camera person for the movies, commercials and videos. Son Curt, living in Florida with wife Tierra, flies for Southwest Airlines. They visited **Edith Weber Staib** in October at Hilton Head.

Barbara Gordon McNamee is sharing her office with Bob. He is the head coach of the diving team at The College of William and Mary. He says she hogs the file cabinet drawers! Barbara also has a new job managing a computer system for a Catholic school in Williamsburg (K-7). She loves it! It's a computer heaven with 150 Macs and 10 PCs. Bob gave up teaching dental school at MCV but is still volunteering at the community health center. Barbara is teaching synchronized swimming part time and coaching. She and Bob now have 12 grandchildren and happily get to see most of them during the year. Virginia is fine — still in Virginia Beach. I try to fit into her social schedule whenever possible.

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We'll start with news from some of our super travelers, Bill and **Ellen Gotwalt Willing**, who sent a darling picture of the two of them standing by the ocean in Malta. When home in Pennsylvania, Ellen sees her grandson about twice a month and relishes the visits. Andy and **Connie Booth Logothetis**' photo was from their safari in Africa. They also went to Andy's 50th high-school reunion in Thessaloniki that naturally included a full tour of Greece. Filling out their travels were trips to Maine, West Point, Richmond, Vermont and North Carolina (where daughter Elaine works as an environmental interpreter at the Ft. Fisher Aquarium in a big tank in scuba gear). Connie claims that **Eleanor Knight Jensen** and her hubby travel far more than they do – "hardly ever home, Paris several times a year, South America, Asia ... you name it!"

Last summer after sharing her enthusiasm at seeing "Forever Plaid," Connie heard from **Barbie Upson Gravely** that she and Martin had seen the play, and Barbie made her acting/concert debut at the performance playing "Heart and Soul." Ironically, I had recently told Connie that I, too, did the Heart and Soul number in "Forever Plaid" when my son played Frankie. Connie said it must be a '61er thing.

Other holiday mail included **Clara Sue Durden Ashley**'s husband Clarence's humorous annual letter. They now have nine grandchildren. Clara Sue put together her annual quilt show, which this year featured 120 quilts, including one from Habitat for Humanity signed by the Carters and five of the 60 quilts featured at the Pentagon display of 9/11 pieces.

I always enjoy hearing from my roomies. **Carolyn Crum Pannu** had a lovely trip to Switzerland with special friend, Jack, and loves her new home and having her two kids and sister close by in California.

Roger and **Barbara Steen Paulman** love visiting England, where their 3-year-old grandson and new granddaughter live. Her other grandson, in Chicago, is close by and brings her additional joy. Barbie plays tennis and bridge and has a beautiful English garden to keep her busy. She and Roger made a fall trip to New England and got in a two-night visit with **Prudie Shepard** in Connecticut.

Pat Scott Peck plans to retire in June 2003 after 40 years of teaching art in Miami. She loves living near South Miami and can walk to the city center and enjoy its cultural diversity. She is going on a cruise with her brother down the coast of Chile, around Cape Horn to the Falklands, and on to Buenos Aries. Pat's son works at Miami-Dade Community College.

Dick and I enjoy occasional visits from **Eleanore "Dodie" Tyrell** '60, former president of the Los Angeles MWC Alumni, and never tire of her wonderful sense of humor. She has joined a disaster medical assistance team. Trained to respond to hurricanes, floods, fires, earthquakes, civil unrest and terrorist attacks, she said she is being trained in the fine art of setting up field hospitals, wearing clothing that is too big for her and clomping around in combat boots. Trips to Costa Rica, London and the Henley Regatta and her job as the manager of California's Alzheimer's Disease Research programs keep her very busy.

This e-mail thing sure works. I hear from many classmates via this 21st century medium. **Barbara Ashley Firesheets** has retired after teaching 38 years in the West Point school system. She loves visiting her two children, playing with her three grandsons, and enjoys golfing, gardening, reading and planning trips with her husband. She keeps in touch with roommates, **Wendy Heyer** in Rochester and **Louan Jones Elwell** in Miami.

Very excited over the birth of her first grandchild, **Carol Schock Furman** was planning a move from Hilton Head to Virginia Beach to be nearer her daughter, who is finishing her Ph.D. at William and Mary. Carol's older daughter, who is an RN, assisted in the birth. Last fall, Carol attended the wedding of Pete and **Jeanne Thornhill Ulrich**'s daughter, which was complete with Scottish dancing, bagpipes and the groom in a kilt.

Bill and **Marilyn "Mouse" Messier Whitmore** celebrated their 40th anniversary last July with a big party and welcomed their ninth grandchild in May. They went on an 18-day cruise to the Baltic countries and even spent two days in St. Petersburg, Russia. Although not retired (they own Simi Fastening Systems), they spend a week a month in their Las Vegas home. Mouse's dad died at age 95, but her mom, at 90, is doing quite well. Mouse heard from several classmates over the holidays. Dick and **Sybil Smith Lyon** live in the Hartford, Conn., area, have three sons, two married, and four grandchildren. They are both thinking about retirement. Al and **Kay Gamble Reinehr** live in Danbury, Conn., and are still employed.

Judy LaRoe Hare lives in a tennis-court community in Alpharetta, Ga., and works for a company that manufactures children's flotation swimwear and swim diapers. She has a daughter in Portland, another in Georgia, and a son in Arizona that is the father of her two precious granddaughters. Judy also keeps in contact with Monte and **Janis Murphy Riefler**, who live in Buffalo and have a winter home in Cabo San Lucas, and **Barbara "Bobbie" Brookes Nation**, who still lives in London. Sadly, Bobbie's sister, **Pam Brookes Weiseman** '63, lost her husband. Bobbie makes a few trips to the United States from London each year and last summer moved her parents from Florida to Charlottesville to be close to Pam.

Bob and **Judy Saunders Slifer** have three more grandnieces and nephews, bringing their total to 13. Most are local with the farthest away born to twin sister **Eleanore Saunders Sunderland**'s daughter, who lives in Italy. Eleanore spent 10 days with them right after Lukas was born and loved every minute of it. Judy said the biggest thing in their lives right now is their brand new shaker single roof and gutter system — ahhh, the joys of retirement. But most important, they are both healthy.

Sue Wilson Sproul made a trip to Virginia last winter and saw three of her former roomies: **Elizabeth "Bette" Marchant George** in McLean, and **Vaughan Hargroves Scott** and **Nancy Edmunds Morris** in Richmond. Sue reported that they were all smiles and looked terrific. Bette has made a new career move. It involves courses at either Georgetown or George Washington and a new specialty in executive coaching — all pretty exciting — and Bette is at it with her customary gusto. Dave and Sue returned from Virginia and headed south to New Mexico and a Christmas holiday that was split between Santa Fe and Albuquerque. Sue has become fascinated by the history and culture of the Southwest and highly recommends Christmas in Santa Fe. Sue is taking art classes in watercolor and has been elected to the board of the local chapter of the Colorado Archaeological Society. She and Dave plan a spring "walkabout" in New Mexico and Arizona to check out a few ancient sites with their new border collie. Sue would love to hear from any classmates who come through Colorado Springs. Just check the MWC Alumni Web site for her address and phone number.

I enjoyed hearing from **Matte McCeney Campbell** with lots of news. **Barbara "Babs" Buse Johnson** and Matte have met several times in Fredericksburg over the years. It's a halfway point between Babs in Bowie, Md., and Richmond, when Matte is visiting her sister, Emily, who goes on ski trips with **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom**. Matte and Gil were in Atlanta for years before moving to Nashville. Frank and **Jean Ryan Farrell** were neighbors, and Matte sees them whenever they go to Atlanta to see their daughter and two grandchildren. Matte saw Jean over the holidays and learned that **Pat Scott Peck** will be aboard the same ship the Campbells and the Farrells are taking in January from Chile to Buenos Aries! Matte said now she is even more excited about the trip. Matte and Gil enjoyed a trip to the Amazon jungle of Peru and to Machu Picchu last spring. Matte sees **Sylvia Barden Heiner Wester**, also in Atlanta, who has been in her book club since 1970. Sylvia has a beautiful town home in Buckhead. Matte now sells real estate in Nashville, and one of her colleagues at Harpeth Realtors is Dr. Edward Alvey's nephew.

Matte's son, Ben, began last summer to broadcast his show every weekday morning on radio station WMZQ in the Washington, D.C., market.

Al and **Judi Early Bidwick** are settling into their new house in Venice, Fla., and have six years of working with the Coast Guard Auxiliary. They both still fly and train on the water with the Coast Guard as well as set up their public education boating and navigation classes for the year in Venice. They still maintain a home in Maryland, where they get together in the summer with children and grandchildren.

Congratulations to **Janie Riles**, who was the featured artist in a solo show at the San Diego Art Institute in December-January. For more information: http://www.sandiego-art.org or to view her paintings on her Web site: http://www.JaneRiles.net.

Congratulations also to **Mary Hatcher**, who was appointed by the North Carolina governor to the State Library Commission and was recently honored by the North Carolina Library Directors Association as library trustee of the year.

More kudos to **Kay Slaughter**, whom Governor Warner has appointed to serve on the State Water Control Board, the citizen board in Virginia that makes decisions on water pollution and water quality issues. She's looking forward to seeing if she can make a difference over the next four years as a decision-maker on the water issues that she's been advocating for the past de-

cade and a half as a senior attorney at Southern Environmental Law Center in Charlottesville. Kay is also still working on getting a Lewis and Clark Center set up in Charlottesville, because "the trip West began here" in Virginia.

Lynne Williams Neave and I chat almost daily on AOL-IM, whether she is home in New York City, Connecticut or Florida. Lynne is a real computer whiz. She and Sandy have all the kids and seven grandchildren back in the New York City area again, but now don't have any excuses to go to London and San Francisco. We were lucky to see them twice this year on their own turf. We went to NYC to see our daughter-in-law's Broadway debut in "The Full Monty" in June and then returned again in October for her star turn in "Mamma Mia" on Broadway. Lynnie and Sandy sat with us fourth row center both times, and it was very exciting. They also joined our kids and us in celebrating our 40th anniversary while in New York in June. If you haven't been to New York lately, you must go! It is wonderful — spanking clean, very friendly and as exciting as ever. We then ventured down to our daughters in Raleigh for a few weeks and stopped overnight with Art and **Lloyd Tilton Backstrom** in Richmond. They served soft shelled crab, corn and fine wine on their beautiful deck overlooking the James River, and Lloyd's sister, **Cary Tilton Doyle** '60, joined us for dinner. It was a fun and memorable night. Again searching for the perfect retirement spot, we visited old Marine Corps friends and MWC beloved friends and fell in love with North Carolina all over again. Then we returned to California and, well, there is the weather, and then there is the weather.

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Sending out a reminder card for *MWC Today* turned out to be a great idea! We hit the jackpot with the most number of responses from 1969 classmates in years! I apologize for not doing more to gather news for the last edition, but I've been dealing with some very stressful situations these last two years — the deaths of my mother, my husband's mother and my brother-in-law. Besides the trauma of losing loved ones, there's also the added stress of settling estates, liquidating property, selling homes, etc. At this point in our lives, no doubt many of you have already or will also be dealing with the same sad events.

Jean Polk Hanky informed us that we are making excellent progress with the scholarship honoring Dr. Laura Sumner. It has now reached $44,000 — a great tribute to both Dr. Sumner and our class! Jean, as well as **Betty Ferguson Foster** and **Bonnie Page Hoopengardner** attended the groundbreaking ceremony for the Alumni Executive Center in early December 2002. Jean also attended the MWC reunion weekend in June '02, where she saw **Barbara Burton Micou** and **Linda Gattis Shull**. **Venus Romance Jones** '68, who started with our class but graduated early in 1968, was honored posthumously with the Distinguished Alumnus Award at the banquet. Her mother, Mrs. Bessie Jones, gave a beautiful acceptance speech for the award on Venus' behalf. Betty and Bonnie joined **Linda Huff Alderson**, **Karen Kilgore Ralston** and **Linda Marett Dis-osway** in Savannah, Ga., in early January for an Elderhostel course on the history and culture of that beautiful city. Wait a second! Is someone in our class old enough to participate in Elderhostel?

Beth Stewart Coleman's daughter was married after Christmas, and Jean Polk Hanky hosted the bridesmaids' luncheon in Richmond.

Mary Page Williams Walden and her husband, Dan, continue to enjoy their retirement from teaching special education and from UPS, respectively, and have moved to a home on a lake near Atlanta, where they are near their children and grandchildren. They spent a lot of time traveling last year to Costa Rica, Mexico, New York City, Turkey, Greece, the Bahamas and the Gulf Coast. I think they win the Frequent Traveler Award for our class! Fortunately, Mary Page is feeling well after having been diagnosed and treated for a recurrence of breast cancer in 2001. She and **Gloria Shelton Gibson** stay in close touch, rang in the new year together in Chicago and attended a Bruce Springsteen concert in Charlotte.

Speaking of Gloria Shelton Gibson, after having spent more than 25 years in corporate America as a human resources professional, she decided to leave her position, take time off to re-energize and to launch her own independent human resources consulting practice called Workplace Dynamics Inc. (www.wpdynamics.com). The company specializes in employee issues. She is very excited about being self-employed and feels that her life is much better balanced now. After being graduated from MWC, Gloria earned a master's degree in art from UNC at Chapel Hill, was graduated from the Securities Industry Institute at the Wharton Business School, U. of Pennsylvania, and is a Certified Employee Benefits Specialist (CEBS). She added that there is a large group of MWC graduates in the Charlotte, N.C., area that get together for holiday parties. Last year the party was held in the home of **Martha Poole Brown** '66.

Lesley Fanning Atkinson just moved from Lafayette, Ind., to Williamsburg, Va., where she took the position as director of donor relations at The College of William and Mary, having left a similar position at Purdue U. She loves her new job! She keeps in contact with **Polly Elkins Rosenstein**, who is a stockbroker in Northern Virginia. On a very sad note, her roommate, **Brenda Shonk Moore**, passed away shortly after our 30th class reunion.

The "Hell with the Rest of Um" reunion group (comprised of **Anne Witham Kilpatrick**, **Jeanine Zavrel Fearns**, and **Carolyn "Susie" Bender Winterble**) met at Jeanine's home and visited the National Gallery to view the Egyptian treasures. One member of their group, **Toni Turner Bruseth**, was unable to attend, having just begun a new job with the Texas state government. Anne still works part time for the Westerville Symphony. She is anxious to retire so she can travel to see her daughter, Rebecca (a horse trainer), and her granddaughter in their many horse shows. She exclaimed that when her husband, Roger, retires, they plan to head south "as fast as the car will carry us" so she can "grow camellias!" She and Roger go to Nassau frequently and also enjoyed going to Scotland, where she brought back so much Harris Tweed material, she had to pay extra weight charges!

It was also wonderful to hear from **Betty Olander Adams**, whom I lost track of after we lived down the hall from each other in good ole' Westmoreland Dorm, third floor. Both Betty and her husband are lawyers in a joint practice and live on a 63-acre farm in Glenwood, Md. — equidistant from Baltimore and D.C. They have no children but are really "into horses." They are very active in the American Bar Association and traveled last year to Philadelphia, San Diego, New Orleans and Puerto Rico. Betty was co-presenter in January for the A.B.A. in Denver. Deepest condolences to Betty, who lost her father on New Year's Day.

I continue to teach French in Rockwall, Texas, and have organized for the second time a Franco-American exchange between our high school and one in Vire, Normandy. My husband, Jeff, and I have made some interesting trips in the last few years to places that I've always dreamed of visiting. We toured Norway — the fjords, Oslo and the Arctic Circle — and the following year we visited Egypt, where we were mesmerized by the Valley of Kings and Luxor. Last summer we spent some beautiful days in the quaint, perched mountain village of Eze, overlooking the Mediterranean. I felt really old when I found out that The Edge, a member of the rock group U2, was getting married outside our hotel room window, and I didn't even know who he was! One of my retirement dreams has always been to live part of the year in France, and it has partially come true! We bought a condo, which we are currently renting out, in sunny Montpellier, France. In a few years we plan to settle in and enjoy the "joie de vivre" of Southern France and sit at cafés for hours! We have a spare bedroom for all you travelers wishing to drop by for a visit. Meanwhile, thanks for all your letters. I hope to hear from more of you. Better still, I hope to see many of you at the 2004 35th Class Reunion!

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Congratulations to **J. Diane Mowrey** for receiving the Joseph W. Grier Jr. Distinguished Professor Award last year at Queens College in Charlotte, N.C., where she has worked for over 10 years. Diane, who is the college chaplain and an associate professor of religion, advises the Student Religious Life Committee and is co-director of the Room at the Inn program at Queens. She has planned an alternative spring break mission trip to Guatemala for several years.

1973

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I hope everyone had a wonderful time at our 30th reunion. I missed seeing all of you, but my husband, Bruce, and I were just returning from a two-week trip to Italy and had to get back to work. We toured Rome and then spent a week in a villa in Tuscany taking culinary classes, day excursions to local villages, and touring Florence, Siena and Pisa. I continue to work for Qualcomm, where I'm a senior manager in their IT (Infor-

mation Technology) department. Bruce works with Booz Allen Hamilton as a principal on their defense team working on several projects to assist the Navy with its training technology challenges. His book, *San Diego's Navy,* (which came out in 2001) has done well, is into its third printing and won the award for best nonfiction book in San Diego in 2001. Our oldest daughter, Terri, weathered the collapse of Arthur Andersen and moved on to the Los Angeles office of Deloitte, where she continues with her work in media and entertainment consulting. Kelly continues to work with marketing efforts of Marimba in Silicon Valley.

Cynthia Howk sent news about herself and **Ann C. Salter**. Both live and work in Rochester, N.Y. Cynthia has worked with the Landmark Society of Western New York for the last 27 years. It is one of the oldest preservation organizations in the United States working with communities and neighborhoods in a nine-county area to do local planning, preservation ordinances and historic resources surveys. Her work is in addition to a myriad of other interesting projects, including three recent books published on architecture and history. While Cynthia is based on the west side of downtown, in the city's oldest neighborhood, Ann is in the East Avenue Preservation District across town. The city's "grand boulevard" of mansions and robber barons, East Avenue has over 700 buildings, most dating from 1870 through the 1920s. Ann is the executive director of the Rochester Historical Society, founded in the 1880s. Previously she spent 13 years as the curator and director of museums for the Landmark Society of Western New York. For six years she was director of special events at the Genesee Country Museum. Between those two history-museum positions, she was an assistant dean at the U. of Rochester for three years.

In August 2001, **Patricia Marshall Moseley** and husband Mason left work and set off on an across-America road rip. They spent most of the winter traveling the Southern states, and in March 2002 they stopped temporarily in California. Mason and Patricia stayed and worked in a national forest that is described as "high desert" 60 miles north of Los Angeles. They planned to resume their travels after Labor Day, but her note had no further details. **Glenda White** is the director of the budget at The College of William and Mary. The College has employed her since 1986 after she graduated from their MBA program. Her daughter, **Elizabeth Pittman** '04, attends MWC. She spent the spring semester of her junior year studying at the U. of Westminster in London. Glenda's son, Travis Pittman, is a sophomore at James Madison.

Linda Quarforth Grainer is serving as a staff assistant in a human resources program that services IRS employees nationwide. She was selected competitively over a year ago to participate in the Cornell Human Resources Certificate Program. In October 2002, she completed the human resources management program at the School of Industrial and Labor Relations of Cornell U. Her son, Stephen, is a graduate of James Madison U.

Marcy Steffens Sallette had a lot of info about some of our classmates. **Marjorie Walsh Dean Shepherd** and Marcy lived in Charlottesville for quite a few years. They have a colorful history together and still keep in touch. Margie gets together every few years with **Martha Menk Janak** and **Betty Joyce Nash**, who both live in Richmond with husbands and children. **Leslie Larson Teague** and her architect husband, Terry, live in Boulder with their two children. Their other roommate, **Debbie Puryear Aurora**, is a clinical psychologist living with her husband and three children in Oakland, Calif. The last time they all were together was in 1989, when they met in North Carolina at the beach for a weekend. The East Coasters get together every few years, since they all live in Virginia.

As for Marcy, she is divorced and lives with her 14-year-old daughter, Camille-Renee, in Bedford, Va. Marcy did not graduate with our class but graduated in 1983 with a B.S. in psychology, worked in various management jobs, and then was a homemaker/bookkeeper for a while, living in Stafford County and home schooling Camille for four years. Marcy now works for the Bedford Public Library System and writes poetry and fiction on the side. Camille attends Holy Cross School in Lynchburg and is hoping to attend Mary Wash when she completes high school.

Mary Stevens Portier and husband Ken spent the second half of 2001 on sabbatical in Belgium. The children spent the summer with them, but from late August to mid-December they were on their own in a one-bedroom, third-floor apartment in a 17th-century house in Lenven, Belgium. Ken is back to teaching/consulting in statistics at the U. of Florida and spends his spare time with the Boy Scouts. Their Eagle Scout, Russ, attends the U. of Florida. Daughter Sarah graduated from UF with highest honors in aerospace engineering. Mary spent most of her time since returning from Belgium driving to Melbourne, Fla., to take care of her aging parents.

Janet Pickral "Pick" Moncure is working as the manager of a small gift shop run by the women of the church that she attends. Her husband, George, is retired and loves it. Anna will be attending Hollins U. in the 2003. Ginny is a senior and hopes to study at the College of Charleston. Mary Catherine is a sophomore in high school. All the girls run track and cross-country and generally run their aged parents ragged.

Susan Regan experienced her first strike in education in 30 years at the beginning of the 2002 school year. All the support personnel walked off the job and were out for 11 days. This group included secretaries, clerks, instructional aides, special education one-on-one aides, lunch assistants, custodians and bus drivers. The superintendent kept the schools open by having everyone else work 12-hour days. In March 2002, Susan took a quick trip to Kilarney, Ireland. She saw the Ring of Kerry, Blarney Castle and some small villages.

Dale Cole Carter moved into a new position at U. of Notre Dame as the manager of decision support in IT. This year they embark upon replacing all administrative systems with a new ERP system. She will finish her MBA degree in 2003, just as her oldest son, David, enters graduate school at Indiana U., Bloomington. Son Chris plans to go to law school upon graduation from Purdue. Daughter Rachel spent the last six months of 2002 in an internship at Disney World. Dale's good friend and neighbor, **Robin Rucker Sullivan** '74, sent her youngest daughter to MWC in fall 2002. She lived in Jefferson, a floor below Robin's old room.

The Bourne family had a lot of major milestones in 2002. **Susie Baril Bourne**'s oldest daughter, Christyne, graduated magna cum laude from Georgetown U., took the Virginia bar the end of July, married Richard Brennan Jr. in August, settled into a condo near the Capitol in D.C., and is working for Spriggs and Hollingworth. Rich is the director of the Caring Institute. Erin graduated from Furman U. in Greenville, S.C., majoring in business administration. She was the student alumni council president. Susie is in her 15th year of substitute teaching. The flexibility of the job allows her to do volunteer work and to tutor math students. Husband Royce keeps busy marketing and designing for his architectural firm. The Federal Courthouse in London, Ky., which he designed, was dedicated in the fall with dignitaries and politicians present. In October 2002, Susie and Royce traveled to Albuquerque, Santa Fe and Taos, N.M.

Barbara Lee Brand has been living near Kansas City, Kan., for seven years. She has been a children's librarian for 13 years, since receiving her MLIS from Louisiana State U. in 1989. She works for Johnson County Library — one of the best in the nation. That makes her the third of three roomies, **Michele Tollie Brown** and **Frances Lamarra Carnevale**, to become a librarian. Barbara has been married for 28 years to Denny, who just made a career change after 25 years in the TV news business to become a high-school broadcast technology teacher. Their son, Joe, graduated in May '03 from Kansas State U. and son Paul is a junior at U. of Kansas. Denny's profession has moved the family around the Southeast and Midwest from North Carolina to Kentucky, Texas, Indiana, Ohio, Louisiana and now Kansas. Last fall Barbara met Michele at an Internet Librarian Conference in Pasadena, Calif. Michele hasn't changed a bit, and they were able to pick up right where they left off so many years before. Barbara was invited to serve on the 2003 Caldecott Committee. She was one of 15 librarians from around the country to help select the winner of the 2003 Caldecott Award, given for the most distinguished American picture book.

Mary Fletcher Donohue continues working at Trinity Preparatory School doing college counseling and teaching junior English. Husband Paul is still a 737 captain for Southwest. Their oldest son, Patrick, graduated in June from Princeton with an economics/finance degree and was commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army. He chose armor as his branch and will begin training in the late fall at Fort Knox, Ky. Patrick was selected to the All Ivy League and Academic All-American men's swimming teams for the spring season 2002. Son John is a sophomore in high school and Katherine is a senior. Katherine was named to the 2002 U.S. Swimming Academic All-American Team.

Leslie Lynch Westerman has been working part time in retail for the last six years. Oldest daughter, Jill, is a graduate of Mary Baldwin College '00 and is a college admission counselor at Cedar Crest College in Allentown, Pa. She has Delaware, Maryland and Virginia as her territory. Laura is a junior at Washington and Lee U., where husband Bob attended law school when we were at Mary Wash. She is a varsity swimmer.

Burrell Montz Covey did a lot of traveling in 2002. Burrell and a colleague took a two-week trip to Slovenia, a country whose beauty rivals that of New Zealand, to write a grant proposal on warning for flash floods and landslides in Slovenia and the United States. The trip involved a few days in Florence to start and in Venice at the end. It was an amazing experience, from the history and art of Florence to the beauty of Slovenia to the unique situation (and flooding problems) of Venice. After that trip, they traveled with their Slovenian colleague looking at flash flood- and landslide-prone areas in Colorado. After 10+ years, Burrell stepped down as the director of the environmental studies program and became chairperson of the faculty senate at Binghamton. She and her daughter, Laura, went to Ecuador. Burrell gave some lectures at the university, where one of her ex-students teaches, and Laura went along to practice her Spanish. Son Cliff is attending The College of St. Rose in Albany, N.Y. Burrell's husband, Paul, is managing the major remodeling of their house and amazing the family with his culinary skills.

Virginia "Ginger" Wagner Kemp worked as a cartographer and technical illustrator at Virginia Tech and then spent seven years at home

raising her two children from her first marriage. She volunteered with UNICEF, went to graduate school at Virginia Tech to get her master's in curriculum and instruction and was certified as a reading specialist. In 1994, she started working for Montgomery County schools as a reading teacher. In 1998 Ginger was certified as a reading recovery teacher and works at a primary school teaching most-at-risk first-graders and Title I groups in kindergarten. She also participated in the literary pilot for national board certification. Travis is a freshman at Vassar. He played soccer and lacrosse in high school. Susanna is a junior in high school. Ginger married Bruce in 1996, and they live in an old farmhouse outside Blacksburg. Bruce is a farrier in his spare time when he is not working as a network communications technician. He enjoys riding his horse, Sundance, and making ironwork on his forge.

Thanks to all of you who sent news. We seem to get information from a new set of folks each time. It is always fun to see what each of us has done since graduation. If you haven't had time to send news in the past, there is always now.

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From Lina:

Following graduation, **Beth Chappell Utsch** spent some time in New York City, Spring Valley, N.Y., Lumberton, N.C., Rock Hill, S.C., Dillwyn, Va., and Knoxville, Tenn. For the past seven years, she has lived in Grove City, Pa. Except for NYC, the moves were because of her husband's jobs. Beth's positions have included advertising media assistant, sales, secretary, mother and consultant for a temporary staffing service. She has been married 27 years to Glenn, a music professor and pianist. Daughter Christina attends W. Chester U. in Pennsylvania, which was Glenn's alma mater. No matter how Beth tried, she couldn't convince Christina to try MWC. Christina and Glenn are vegan and vegetarian respectively, but Beth just can't seem to give up her own comfort foods. The recent tribute to Claudia M. Read in *MWC Today* impressed her. Beth said Mrs. Read was a truly amazing woman — one of those role models that stay in the mind forever. She used to tell Girl Scouts about Mrs. Read when they worked on dance badges.

Diane "Dina" Apostolou Psihogios spent her first year after graduation teaching Spanish at Blacksburg High School in Blacksburg, Va. She married her husband, Pete, in 1977 and moved to Knoxville, Tenn., spending her first year working at the Knoxville Adaptive Center. In 1979, she began teaching Spanish at Farragut H.S. While there, Diane was promoted to department chair, and in 1995 she earned her master's in administration from Lincoln Memorial U. In 1997, she left Farragut to become assistant principal at Karns H.S., home of the beavers, and in 2000 she became the head beaver when she was promoted to principal. Pete and Diane have two children and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in July 2002. Daughter Alexis graduated from the U. of Tenn. in December 2002 with a degree in finance. Son Jimmy is also at UT and will be a junior in engineering this fall. In August 2002, Diane celebrated her one-year anniversary of being a breast cancer survivor.

Carol Pappas Bartold has had a busy fall. She is still with Los Robles Master Chorale. They recently sang two performances of Mendelssohn's *Elijah*. Handel's *Messiah* was performed for the Christmas 2002 holidays and Carl Orff's *Carmina Burana* in the early part of 2003. Carol was excited when the Chorale took the *Carmina Burana* performance to New York City in the spring for a Carnegie Hall performance. In addition, Carol is singing at her church, St. Mark's Episcopal, in Glendale, Calif. Carol took a writing workshop at Sarah Lawrence College last summer with Vivian Gornick. She said it was an intense week but well worth the effort. She plans to attend a conference at San Diego State U. She has a book idea that she wants to test there, and she just sent the manuscript for an advance reading. In addition, she is writing for some local arts organizations and the Glendale Chamber of Commerce.

Steve Jones reported from Fig Tree Pocket, Brisbane, the capital of Queensland, Australia. In January 2003, his family went camping at Mon Repos near Bundaberg, a turtle rookery, where Steve helped tag turtles for the National Parks and Wildlife. It is about four hours north of Brisbane in an idyllic beach setting. The following week, they spent four days in Melbourne at the Australian Tennis Open.

Mary Godburn Hatcher worked for the National Park Service several years before and after graduation. She married Rick, who also called the NPS home. Initially they lived 14 years in southwest Missouri at Wilson's Creek National Battlefield, where Rick served as historian. While in Missouri, Mary continued to work as a volunteer with the park service, keeping in touch with historical interpretation/research, and served as office manager/bookkeeper for the Black Widow Bow Company. Daughter Ashton was born in Springfield, Mo., and was embraced by the locals as an Ozarks Hillbilly. In 1992, they moved to Charleston, S.C., where they still reside. Rick is the historian for the Fort Sumter National Monument. Ashton has completed her first year of college in Charleston. After years of making Civil War clothing for friends and herself, Mary has started her own business: The Lady's Maid Historic Clothing. The Hatchers all love the Charleston area, and they envision themselves happily there into retirement. Mary said she thinks occasionally of friends from MWC and wonders how they are. She will wager that some have even been to Charleston in the last 10 years. She said to call the next time you go.

Natalie Whitcomb Linder has lived in the suburban Detroit area for about 16 years. Her daughter, Rachael, and son Eric keep busy with their activities. Her husband, Gary, owns a company that manufactures container systems. Natalie still teaches geology at a local community college and absolutely loves teaching. She tries to spend one day per week during the school year volunteering with English as a Second Language children in Pontiac, Mich., and finds it very rewarding. Her family tries to get in one vacation a year, depending on everyone's schedules, and spend as much time as they can during the summer in Northern Michigan. They were looking forward to skiing in Stowe in February 2003, as Natalie's semester break coincides with the kids' winter break for the first time in years.

Allan Jenkins lives in Loudon County, Tenn., about 25 miles west of Knoxville. He works for Tetra Tech NUS in Oak Ridge as a hydrogeologist. Allan still plays guitar whenever he can and enjoys riding his motorcycle when not busy with family activities. His wife, Lezle, works in the Knoxville school system and has a horse as a hobby. Oldest daughter, Mica, is a senior and has been accepted into the honors program at MWC but hopes to get enough scholarship to attend Vanderbilt! Freshman daughter, Marlee, and fifth-grade son, Arik, keep him running between soccer fields. Allan's father still lives in Colonial Beach, Va., and he visits a couple times a year.

A. Dianne Schmidley wrote that when she attended MWC, her name was Dianne Johnston. She divorced her first husband in 1975 and married David Foster in 1980. She resumed using her birth name, Schmidley, in the late 1970s. She attended Georgetown U., where she earned an M.A. in demography in 1977. She worked for the staff of the U.S. House of Representatives Select Committee on Population from 1977 to 1979, where she coauthored a report on U.S. immigration. Dianne now works for the U.S. Census Bureau, where she is a demographer and the senior foreign-born population specialist. She has authored/coauthored a number of reports on the foreign born including "Profile of the Foreign-Born Population in the United States, 2000" available on the Census Bureau's Web site. She developed this 80-page text for college level students. A new shorter report based on March 2002 was released in January 2003. Her husband, David, is retired from AT&T, where he worked for 30 years, and the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, where he worked for 10 years. Dianne's oldest son, Richard Johnston, is stationed in London, where he lives with his wife and son. Richard is the director of U.S. Navy Housing, European Command. Her daughter, Connie Nystrom, lives in Falls Church, Va., and is a widow with four children. Connie is finishing her B.A. at George Mason U., where she is in the English honors program and is a straight-A student. Dianne's son, John, is working for a family-owned business in Rocky Mount, Va., where he lives near his father. David and Dianne live in Arlington, Va.

Elizabeth Wright was a day student at MWC, and in her senior year she was in residence with the speech pathology/audiology program in Charlottesville. After four years of being civic association president in her neighborhood in the west end of Alexandria, Elizabeth finally handed off her duties, but not without fighting the city and Comcast Cable over several land use issues. She said it is a new day when you take friends on a tour to show them the speed tables/speed cushions down the street! Her neighborhood was the first to get city-funded traffic-calming devices. The civic association also fought for stream quality testing and proved a ditch was actually a stream left off of the Chesapeake Bay watershed map and that it had serious contamination problems. She is also a chief judge for elections, with just two elections missed in 16 years. A subsidized trip to India for two weeks won over a November election back in 1990. Before her career switch from teaching, she taught in the American School in Bangalore in 1979-1981. During her day job, hopes of increased travel after she was downsized from her former Navy-contracting job and recalled to support the FAA did not materialize. She now works on security for new employees at BAE Systems. BAE is the former British Aerospace Electronics, and it created a stir on Capitol Hill when it bought out Tracor Inc. In her Navy days, she traveled to Italy, Japan, Pearl Harbor, Guam and the shipyards in Bath, Maine and Pascagoula, Miss. When possible, she enjoys catching up with **Greg** and **Tracy Hoyle Yamamoto** '90 in Columbia, Md., and **Sarah Holloway Huey** '73, Elizabeth's former Navy civilian boss, in San Francisco.

Susan McDonald Osborn and her husband, Paul, have been living in Herndon, Va., for almost 25 years. Susan works as a program manager at The Forum Corporation, where she leads large web-based training development projects for commercial clients. Paul is a software engineer. They have two daughters, Kate and Lauren. Kate

is a full-time nanny and part-time student, and Lauren is a sophomore at Va. Tech.

Ann Canter Nickels is in her 12th year as public relations and strategic communications director for Martha Jefferson Hospital in Charlottesville. This is the second chapter of her professional career, the first having been as a newspaper editor and reporter for *The Greenville* (S.C.) *News*, *The Hartford* (Conn.) *Courant*, and *The Virginian-Pilot* (Norfolk). Ann and her husband, Bill, will celebrate their 25th wedding anniversary in June 2003 and plan to take a special trip, most likely to Scotland, where they have been several times. Bill is pastor of Orange Presbyterian Church, Orange, Va., where they have been since 1985. They have two sons, Laird, a third classman at VMI, and Neale, a junior at Orange County H.S. and college bound.

Phyllis Highland has taught second grade at Unionville E.S. in Orange County, Va., for 27 years — same room, same grade, same classroom. She has been very active in her church, Shady Grove Baptist in Orange County, as outreach ministry director, church secretary, and leader of the women's fellowship. In addition to this, Phyllis works with a charter/tour bus company.

Laura Pond Mattingly and husband John celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary. John retired from the corporate rat race at the relatively young age of 51. Travel plans are being made. Her youngest child, Jim, is in 10th grade. He is in marching band and is a budding composer. Older son, Jaman, is a sophomore at Va. Tech and enjoys college life. Her daughter and oldest child, Jenny, is living in a special needs facility in Northern Pennsylvania and doing well. Laura continues to be an active volunteer in community and school groups, Girl Scouts, and PTSA. She has been living in Northern Virginia all of this time, most recently in Fairfax Station.

Kathy Magyar-Lutte met her roommate, **Jackie Ewansky Bryan**, for lunch in Lambertville, N.J. Jackie is still teaching dance at the middle school level and has completed a course in library science. Jackie's husband, Rich, is a psychology professor at Saint Leo U. Kathy also visited with her other roommate, **Martha Aaron Nelson**, and her family in November in Woodbridge, Va. Martha's husband, Cabell, contacted her over the summer saying that he wanted to plan a surprise for Martha's 50th birthday, and asked if she would be willing to *be* the surprise. Kathy reported, "Martha had no idea I was coming, and Cabell was very good at keeping it a secret for so many months." Kathy hadn't seen Martha since she was in her wedding in Richmond back in 1978! She was indeed surprised to say the least. Kathy and her husband, Ed, enjoyed a wonderful evening at dinner and spent the weekend with them. Martha's oldest son, Cabell, is a first year student (fourth generation) at U. Va., and Joey is at U. of Richmond. Martha has not been to an MWC reunion since she graduated, and Kathy has been to every one, so they hope that they can reunite for the next one. Kathy still teaches dance, does some yoga and has formed a new dance company that will be performing at different venues in the Lehigh Valley, Pa., area. After over 25 years of teaching ballet, she is running out of story ballets to perform, but she is looking forward to restaging "A Midsummer Night's Dream" in June at Foy Concert Hall in Bethlehem.

Nancy Gust Lexo is a kindergarten teacher with Fairfax County, Va., public schools and teaches at a Ft. Belvoir school. She lives in Alexandria with her husband, Jim. She has three daughters. Rebekah and Rosalie have graduated from college, and Margot is a junior at James Madison U. Jim has a company with an office in Alaska. Fortunately for Nancy, she gets to travel with him during school breaks and explore some of the more remote regions on earth.

Joanne "Jody" Rehm reported that after 14 years in Herndon, Va., she has moved back to Annandale, Va., a mile or so from her parents' home while she was at MWC. She made the move to minimize her son's commute, as he started at the Thomas Jefferson School for Science and Technology in fall 2002. For the last 11 years, she was employed with Freddie Mac in McLean, most recently as director of marketing communications. However, Joanne recently lost her job there, and she is actively seeking a new position in this area since she needs to stay at least until the high-school years are over.

Sarakay Bourne Eyring and her husband, Barry, have lived in Putnam Valley, N.Y., for 22 years. They live in a small community near a lake, which offers the opportunity for swimming, fishing, ice-skating and ice fishing. Barry is the assistant principal for the Dutchess County BOCES Tech Center, which services all of the Dutchess school districts. Sarakay is a fifth-grade special education teacher. They have three children. Richard will graduate from high school this year. Katie is in 10th grade; and Annie is in eighth grade. Their family is very active in their church. Sarakay's Mom, **Winifred Canada Bourne** '48, lives about four hours from them and visits for all the kid's special moments.

Jane Tyler "JT" Gouldman Coates' roommate was **Marsha Updike Melton**, and they lived on the fifth floor of Mason. Jane has been married for 26 years to Johnny, and they live in Montross, Va., their hometown. Johnny is the service manager for the local Coca-Cola bottling plant in Montross. He plays golf whenever the weekend weather cooperates and makes a trip to Myrtle Beach in the fall each year to play some really nice courses. They have two sons. Tyler is an English major at James Madison U. David is more interested in math and science. Jane has been working for 24 years at the Naval Surface Warfare Center in Dahlgren, Va., where she is now a senior scientist. Jane has taken a few graduate-level courses, but most of her training has been on the job. She does some traveling for work, mostly to places that tend to be cold and snowy, and this is the least favorite part of her job. She and Johnny took a wonderful trip to Hawaii in 2001 for their 25th wedding anniversary, and they had the time of their lives.

Gerrie Sahnow Bowen and husband Harry have been married for 26 years. They have twins, Kyle and Hannah, 12. Harry has been in grocery store management for over 20 years. Gerrie has been teaching dance in the local school system for 15 years and is in her seventh year at a downtown Raleigh, N.C., elementary magnet school. She has written curriculum for the state Department of Public Instruction and is currently a member of a committee developing assessment tools for dance in public education. Before coming to work for the school system, Gerrie spent 10 years dancing professionally both locally and traveling with Bill Evans and his then Seattle-based company teaching and stage managing. She is a certified movement analyst, having completed the program at the U. of Washington in Seattle.

Barbara O'Brien sends greetings from Massachusetts. Barbara left the corporate life in 1998 to go sailing in the South Pacific. She spent time on a 180-foot square-rigged barque, sailing from Tahiti to Bali. She had a great time, met a lot of new friends and learned a lot of good life-lessons. Upon returning to the real world, she found that she didn't want to be a workaholic for the rest of her life. So she went to business school at Simmons School of Management in Boston and graduated in August 2002 with her MBA. Barbara is thrilled with her job with Comrie Real Estate in Sudbury, Mass., as a broker/associate. She said it allows her total flexibility and unlimited rewards. She said she is getting closer to knowing what she wants to be when (and if) she grows up!

Mary Byrnes just marked her 25th anniversary at EDS. She said that it seems impossible that she has worked all those years for the same company. She is thankful that the various positions and opportunities she has had have helped to keep things interesting. **Frederica Gibson** and Mary tried, as they always do, to get together over the holidays. Unfortunately, they were unable to coordinate their schedules. Frederica comes into town to visit family just as Mary is leaving town to visit hers. At least with family visits, Mary is glad she can keep up with her sister-in-law, **Sarah Waters Byrnes** '77, who is doing well and keeping busy with family and work. Although she really does not like to dwell on it too much, most of us are going to reach a certain age this year. Mary does not have any outlandish adventure planned to mark this milestone, but she keeps thinking one is in order. Any ideas out there? In the meantime, she continues to stay active with softball, including a master's travel team. Her team had a tournament in Las Vegas in November 2002, and one was planned in Tampa in February 2003. Mary said that they are always looking for new recruits! She also enjoys volleyball and golf. Mary said that if anyone in the Washington area is interested in playing softball, volleyball or golf, please let her know.

Sara Ann Saunders Johnson is a speech-language pathologist in private practice. She attended a conference in Miami, Fla., on oral motor therapy the end of January 2003. Husband Bill, an attorney, went along to have fun in South Beach while she toiled away at the conference. They have two sons. William is in his last year at VMI, and Nathaniel is a freshman at Furman U. in Greenville, S.C. She and Bill spent the weekends last fall hauling feasts to each respective son's college for tailgating and football games! It was great fun, as they are big football fans — one of her sons played eight years straight! Besides working, Sara Ann is the president of the board of the only house museum in Suffolk, Riddick's Folly. She invites everyone to please come and tour it — it's a worthwhile and beautifully restored house! In addition, she plays tennis, bridge, and belongs to a book group and other community groups. She keeps in touch with **Yvonne Puryear Pizzie**, her former roommate. They get together whenever Yvonne makes the trip back east to visit her family.

Thank you to all who responded to my request for news.

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Thanks to all of you who responded! **Mary Byrd**, our Hollywood connection, has bought a house with a horse stable and a lot of land. She and husband John are welcoming two of their thoroughbred racing horses as permanent residents (a long-time dream). Mary and John moved in right before the Christmas holidays, so they will no doubt be ready to welcome all of us as houseguests by the time you read this.

Kathye Baldwin Geary and husband John (did everyone in our class marry someone named John?) celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary with a business/pleasure trip to Hawaii last June. In September they cruised through Alaska's inside passage and loved it. Their daughter, Meredith, was graduated from JMU last spring, and their son, Robbie, is a student at MIT.

Kathy Diehl Hartman continues to live in

Herndon and still works at the National Institutes of Health doing DNA sequencing. She and her husband celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in March and planned a trip to Colorado. Their oldest son, Stephen, is a senior at U.Va., and oldest daughter, **Amanda** '05, is a sophomore at MWC. Kathy is reminded of her own days at MWC whenever she visits Amanda and loves the fact that she is in school there. Daughter Lauren is in 10th grade and son Scott is in eighth grade. Kathy shared that **Dana DeGroot Grobicki** and husband live in Columbia, Md., with their four children. **Laura Ann Ewers Cline** and husband Bernie continue to live in Fredericksburg and celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary last September. Their oldest daughter, **Angie Beth** '02, was graduated from MWC right before our 25th reunion; their middle daughter, Sarah, attends Virginia Tech; and Mary, their youngest daughter, will graduate from high school in June.

Lisa Lyle Wu and husband live in Arlington. Lisa teaches biology at Thomas Jefferson High School. A group of MWCers attended Lisa's son's baptism last fall in Washington, D.C.

Margaret Nichols Jeffries and husband, Don Honeycutt, live in Warrenton, where she is in her 18th year as a general pediatrician. Margaret says that she is now treating the children of her children — now grown and married! She has three grandchildren, twins, age 2, and a 3-year-old. Margaret and her husband were planning a trip to Ireland last fall to ride horses along the coast. Margaret, Kathye Baldwin Geary, and Kathy Diehl Hartman attended Bernie Mahoney's retirement dinner at MWC last year.

Susan Herb Child, who lives in Texas, has a dream job teaching fourth grade in a private school. Her students are extremely gifted, and Susan said that their IQ's are twice what their teachers' are! Susan's daughter attended MWC for a year, left to attend a university in Texas, and is now considering returning to MWC, as she says her best professors were there. But we knew that already, didn't we?

Pam Roberts Albrecht has three incredibly active and involved children whose sports activities take up one whole page in her Christmas letter! Husband Tom continues with his pediatrics practice in Richmond and had a great checkup before Christmas after some past cardiology problems. Pam and Tom have purchased a beach house at Cape Hatteras with some friends and look forward to spending more time there as the kids begin to go off to college. And Pam has returned to work part time with phlebotomy (must be one of those scary things they taught in the science building) and said that she is surprised how normal it felt to be back after so much time out of the lab.

Wendy Veselick Pacheco lives in Fairfax and is senior editor of the "Journal of Cataract and Refractive Surgery." Her husband, Alberto, is a magazine art director. They have a daughter, **Emily**, who is in college, and a son, 18-year-old Justin, studying music production. Wendy mentioned that MWC has definitely seen a lot of changes since we were all there, but the MWC "feel" still exists. I think we would all agree after being there last May.

Lynne Walton Lowe works for a non-profit agency that deals with victims of domestic violence. Her daughter is a sophomore at Appalachian State U. Lynne and husband are building a new home and are camping in a rental home while it is being completed. Lynne keeps up with roommate **Pam Gray** '76 and hopes to get together with her soon. I hope to see Lynne myself, as her mom and sister both live near me in the Atlanta area.

Sue Lind Relyea is truly incredible. She works as an aide at Tower Hill School assisting a 4-year-old in transitioning from walker to wheelchair. She also fills 30 hours a week taking care of the books and caring for babies, and she is involved in Bible study fellowship and the Helping Hand Pregnancy Center. She and husband Wayne have three children. Their family enjoys a lot of family trips and reunions. Sue's grandmother was 100 years old in February, and the family once again gathered to celebrate!

Amy Krafft lives in Alexandria and continues to be a part of a two-year laboratory surveillance study of acute respiratory illnesses at Ft. Jackson, S.C., Army basic training — but without having to go there! Her job entails developing lab tests for flu and adenovirus that the Navy hopes to use aboard submarines and military ships in the Pacific Rim. Amy also lectures on molecular detection of biological agents, which became a hot topic due to the anthrax issue. After being involved in a traffic accident last year in front of her house, Amy has become involved with the latest Alexandria city invention, traffic calming, a program to change reckless driving behaviors. She is also an avid gardener and works out with a master's swim team, although she says she swims in the slow lane. Amy saw classmate **Ellie Regan** and husband Peter Garafola off on their Christmas trip to Rome.

Terrie Martin Dort and husband Dean have purchased a home in France and have been busy overseeing its progress as they travel back and forth from Washington, D.C. They also recently purchased land on Carter's Creek in Virginia's Northern Neck and are working with an architect to create a new home there. Terrie and Dean are definitely going to have a dream retirement! Terrie continues to head the National Chain Restaurant Association, and Dean has branched into business as a consultant after many years with Deere & Company. They also spend time with son John-Russell and French daughter, Marie-Laurie. Terrie said that she loved spending time with everyone at the reunion and thinks that we all look great!

Grace Matheny Lalonde has taken on a new part-time job working for a large medical research contractor. She and husband Francois and daughters still live in Northern Virginia. Grace also attended our reunion last May and enjoyed catching up with all of those classmates that she does not communicate with regularly.

Kathleen Haffey Bova has been seen on television in several commercials. Kathy, please keep us posted on your appearances so that we can tune in! Kathy and husband Chris also stay busy with daughter Eileen, who participated with America Sings in the 2002 Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade.

I still have my own company, which offers marketing and sales assistance to clients in the hospitality and entertainment industries. My biggest account is Busch Entertainment (Busch Gardens and SeaWorld), although I also represent an excursion railroad, two theaters and Curves for Women. I have been very fortunate that my business has stayed steady throughout the past months of leaner times for many other consulting companies. My oldest son, Blake, is a freshman at East Tennessee State U., where he received a full baseball scholarship. He is ETSU's starting catcher. Brad, who is a sophomore in high school, is my artistic child and is totally into his guitar and acting. Just like so many of you, my children are truly my heart, and I am so blessed that they have turned out so well — in spite of me! And yes, I am still with my sweetheart, Dick, whom many of you met at the reunion, and we are just as happy as ever.

I, too, echo so many of you in expressing how wonderful the reunion was and how great it was to see everyone who attended. What pride we all share in our beautiful campus and prestigious alma mater! I am so proud to be a part of the incredible Class of 1977, and I marvel at all we have accomplished and what still lies ahead for us.

Please keep in touch, and I promise to keep including your news. Love to all!

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From Sue Moore Davis:

Rick "Ricky" Graham, wife Mary and their two children, Sarah and John, live on a large farm outside Middleburg, Va. Rick owns and operates an electrical, plumbing and heating business. Rick and his family stay busy with golf, horses, basketball and the farm. Rick said he has not heard from **Michael "Mike" McGuire** in some time, but said that Mike still lives in New Jersey and is an executive with Hoffman and LaRouche.

Leslie Schluter Sweeney lives in Denver, Colo., with husband Drew and their two children, Mackenzie and Connor. Leslie has established her own law practice in Denver. When not practicing law, Leslie can be found cheering her favorite soccer players and their coach.

Pam Kendle Crowley lives in Clifton, Va. Pam is teaching chemistry at Lake Braddock H.S. and keeps in great shape through tennis, swimming and mountain biking. Pam's oldest son, Adam, graduated from Va. Tech with a degree in electrical engineering and is working for American Management Systems in Virginia. Son Andy is in his third year at U.Va. Josh is in sixth grade. Josh and Pam have taken up playing the saxophone. Perhaps Pam will give us a concert at our next reunion.

Luisa Freeman Farvardin lives in Vienna, Va., and is an energy consultant. Her job takes her on adventures around the world, including several visits to Egypt last year. When not solving world energy problems, Luisa enjoys time with her 6-year-old son, Sammy, and her husband, Siavash.

Moira Carr Bradshaw lives in Seattle, Wash. Moira's husband, Toby, is on the faculty at the U. of Washington. Her daughter, Bridget, is 11 and keeps Moira very busy with numerous activities. Moira continues to work part time in urban planning.

Jeanne Weller Montaperto lives in Maidens, Va. Her Christmas note indicated that she is busy with her children's theatrical performances, home schooling, travel and home improvements. Sounds like Randy, Emily, and Anna keep Jeanne on her toes.

I am still working with second graders and enjoy every minute of my day. Rachel is in sixth grade this year, and Hannah is in fourth. Aside from school, they keep me busy with soccer, swimming and horseback riding, which I, too, have taken up again and absolutely love. My husband, Dan, is teaching a microeconomics class at UNC-CH while working on his dissertation in economics. Looks like we'll be in North Carolina at least one more year.

My brother, **Robert Moore** '84, lives in Strongsville, Ohio, with his wife, Colleen, and their four children: Cailynn, Bryan, Sean and Erin. Needless to say, all of Rob's children are fully engaged in athletics year round. The boys are great soccer and ice hockey players, and Rob is the head coach for Cailynn's soccer team. In his moments away from family, Rob operates Dell Lumber Company in Elyria.

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From Lori Catanzano Sciadini:

Luther Fry works in a drug treatment center in Delray Beach, Fla. He is a luxury-car buff and owns a 1967 Rolls Royce Silver Shadow, a 1984 Jaguar XJ6 and a 1984 Jaguar XJ5-12V. He is a regional bridge master in duplicate bridge and has many other hobbies, including chess.

Anne Kight Lloyd wrote that she graduated from MWC with a degree in dramatic arts. This is the first time she has submitted anything to the alumni news. She said, "However, after 21 years, I guess it's about time!" She returned to the D.C. metropolitan area in 1994 after stints in New York and Los Angeles trying to pursue a career in acting. She had a small modicum of success but never enough to allow her to quit her day jobs. She and husband Trip were married nearly six years ago and have two children, Amanda and Liam. Anne has retired as a software trainer/technical writer and now stays home with the children. Trip is a commander in the U.S. Navy Reserve and was working in the Navy Command Center at the Pentagon on Sept. 11, 2001. The fuselage of the plane that crashed into the Pentagon landed in his office, killing 29 of the 36 people on duty at the time. Trip is one of only seven survivors. Anne said, "Our family feels particularly blessed." Anne volunteers at their daughter's school, remodels their home, skis whenever possible and acts in children's theatrical productions.

Terry McEntee Duke wrote, "I'm married to the same guy, with the same two kids in the same house. But there has been an addition. Her name is Charlotte Marie and she is an 8 lb. Shih-Tzu puppy. She is very cute, and we love her." The whole family went to Ireland last summer and saw cousins that Terry had not seen in 32 years. It was great fun. She has 14 cousins in Ireland; 12 are in the same family. Ten of the 12 are medical doctors, all of whom graduated from the same university in Galway. They are in the European edition of the Guinness book for this. Terry reported, "My husband said if he had to rate the Irish people by my family, he would give them an 11 out of 10. They were all so warm, intelligent and witty."

I'm still teaching at Vanderbilt U., where husband Marcus is an orthopedic trauma surgeon. Our daughter turns 6 this year. Life is good.

From Lori Foster Turley:

Mary Treacy Triola and husband Larry celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary in May 2002. They have three children. Mary's first novel, *Caroline Rose*, was published at the end of November. Mary still plays the harp and sings, but she has also added whistles, Irish flute and Uilleann Pipes to her bag of tricks. Her band, Moch Pryderi, produced their first CD, "Dancing in the Pigsty," last June.

Charlene Jordan Rogers and husband Randy celebrated their 20th anniversary in December 2002. Randy is a 1981 graduate of U.Va.; he and Charlene met at "Halloweens" in 1980. They live in Sugar Land, Texas, with their two children. In early December, the family took a mission trip to Mexico and plan to return in July. They were stunned and saddened by the poverty there. Randy and Charlene opened a new orthopedic surgery office in Houston in September. They enjoyed designing and building the office together. In November 2001, they went to Tallahassee, Fla., to spend Thanksgiving with Steve and **Tammy Clark Carr** and their two children, Stephen and Ashley. Steve and Randy were roommates at U.Va.

Tim Erickson and wife Lori started a private school for the performing arts, Renaissance Academy, serving grades 6-12, in Tampa Bay.

In October, I attended the wedding of **Ellen Stanley Booth** and Bob in Roanoke. It was a beautiful wedding, and Ellen was stunning! Bob is the managing editor of *National Geographic* magazine, and Ellen is the director of communications for National Geographic TV. Also in attendance at the wedding were many other MWC grads. It was a great weekend.

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The holidays brought several communications from classmates. **Elizabeth Sullivan** still lives in Alexandria with husband John Kling, a dentist, and their three children. She keeps busy with three different PTAs, scouts and community volunteering, primarily fund raising with INOVA Alexandria Hospital. In February 2001, she traveled with her sister, mother and aunt to London. Summer 2002 brought a family vacation on Lake Tamagami in Ontario, Canada, a Kling family tradition since 1953. Elizabeth said that **Beth Brown Gallegos** moved to Purcellville, Va., in May 2002 with her husband, Bob, a dentist, and two children. Elizabeth also heard from **Nan Taylor Kaestner**, who lives in Glyndon, Md., with her husband and two children. Nan was to join the ranks of "parent of three," as she was expecting in January 2003. Elizabeth sees **Paula Garten Bracken** '82 regularly, since they are in the same book club. She also runs into **Elizabeth Kepley Law** '82, because their children attend the same school.

Wendy Burnette Dickinson is still in Richmond with hubby JD and their two daughters. Wendy is a very busy stay-at-home mom and reported that she hears from **Sarah Thompson Doig** and **Anne-Marie Smith Mattingly**, who are all also well and busy.

Mollie Joynes Baker moved from Portsmouth, Va., to New Jersey in August 2000 with her husband and seven children. After 9/11, her husband was assigned to the Pentagon as a budget analyst for Navy maintenance, so they again moved to Falls Church. Mollie is home schooling all her children. Mollie reported that **Kathie Enfield Jerow** lives in Maryland with her husband and three daughters. Kathie still works for SATO and often works near Mollie's house, so they are able to lunch together. Mollie reported that **Mary Cochran Burton**, her husband and two daughters had a two-year adventure living in Budapest, where her husband was assigned. They are now in Kuwait.

Andrea Kocolis Hornung is a planner in Spotsylvania County, a position that is closer to home for her. Her husband, Neil, has been activated for another year — he is a lieutenant colonel in the Marine Corps and works at the Pentagon. They have two boys.

Barbara Balogh bought a house in Richmond, where she works as assistant ethics counsel for the Virginia state bar. Barbara's friend since fifth grade, **Julie Niehaus**, lives close by, so they see each other fairly often.

Two of my former roommates called me. **Theresa Min** in Northern Virginia is fine. She is a busy stay-at-home mom of three boys involved in everything from scouting to soccer. **Teresa Childers Peterson**'s hubby Mark works in the marketing division of Honda Power in Atlanta and is an aspiring novelist working on his first novel. Teresa works for Kimberly Clark in research and development, and she loves her job. Over the 2002 holidays, she and Mark again rented a beach house in St. Augustine with some friends through New Year's.

Susie Leavitt visited with **Monica Rastallis Cashin**, and all is well with her family. Susie had another great year in real estate in the Washington, D.C., and Northern Virginia area making the 10-million-plus club of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors. She traveled to Martha's Vineyard and Italy twice this year — a "light" travel year, as she considers it. Susie also attended an international aerobics conference in Miami, as she is still teaching aerobics at the YMCA in D.C. and Virginia.

As for me, well, we are all fine; a few little bumps and bruises along the way. Come on — I have three boys! My oldest is into wrestling, quick recall and drama, and I have just become president-elect of the Kentucky Medical Association Alliance, which means road trips throughout Kentucky and frequent trips to Chicago.

Keep those e-mails, letters and calls coming!

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Hi Classmates! I attended our 15-year reunion at MWC last summer, where I was volunteered to be your class agent for the next five years! When I found out this was a five-year commitment, I was a little concerned but have really enjoyed putting this first set together. It's been great catching up with old friends that I haven't talked to for years. So it looks like you're stuck with me for the next five years! And since I have not ever sent in my own personal update to *MWC Today*, I will start off with an extremely long bio on what I've been up to for the past 15 years! Just kidding, I'll keep it short and sweet!

After graduating in 1987, I decided I missed college life so much that I enrolled in the MWC graduate program. I graduated once again in 1989 with a master's in business administration. I also was the MWC assistant women's basketball coach for a year! That was a lot of fun! After graduate school, I married Dan Rizzo. We returned to Virginia after nine years in the tropical paradise of Hawaii. We now live in Herndon, Va., and have two children. I have been working for the Department of Defense for over 14 years, and I get the opportunity to travel the world quite extensively. Dan is a sales manager for Graybar Electric in Chantilly, Va. Although we have not yet acclimated to the cold winter months, we enjoy being back in Virginia, where we are closer to our family and friends.

Now here is the scoop on some of our classmates. I'll start off with a few of the Marshall gang. **Stuart** and **Jeanette Bergmann Engel** are doing well and live in Ashburn, Va., with their three daughters. Stuart has his own home-based business. He provides sales and project management support for two companies involved in sales training in the telecommunications area. Jeanette

left her job in human resources almost four years ago to stay home with the girls. She is busy being a mom and is involved at the kids' school and at church. She recently became an independent representative for a Catholic book and gift company that sells from home, on the Web and at book/home fairs. The Engel family is involved in an adoption support group in the Ashburn area and support adoption issues. They have been very blessed to grow their family through adoption and love being parents! Stuart and Jeanette had fun seeing some of the old college gang at our 15th reunion last fall.

Anne Zemienieuski Fowler, husband Scott and two daughters moved into their new home in Suffolk, Va., that had been under construction most of 2002. **Wendy Santia Huber**, husband Ron and two boys are still in Charlottesville, where they have lived for 11 years. Ron and Wendy are both still training and competing in triathlons. Wendy works for the admissions office for the Darden Graduate School of Business at the U. of Virginia and loves her job. She gets to meet and talk with really interesting people and does some traveling.

Last summer, I attended the infamous "farm bash" held in Front Royal, where I had the chance to catch up with a bunch of classmates that I haven't seen for years! **Sereina Black DeLaRosa** and her husband, **Jorge DeLaRosa** '86, moved to Clifton, Va., after living in Atlanta for several years. Jorge works for ATG, a computer software company, and Sereina is a part-time consultant for PhRMA, a pharmaceutical association, in Washington, D.C. They have two girls and a boy. **Scott Talbott** lives in Dallas, Texas, and was to be married in late March '03 in Charleston, S.C. **Brian "Buddy" Hawley** and his wife, **Carol Teresa Miller Hawley** '84, have a new baby girl. **Kelly Flynn Hanson** and her husband are back in the area after three years in Okinawa, Japan. When I saw her last June, Kelly was very pregnant, but I haven't heard if she had a boy or a girl. **Kim Keating McMahon** and husband Kevin live in Clarkesville, Md. They have thee boys. **Kathy Caughill DeLacruz** and her husband, Charlie, have two daughters.

Lisa Ferreira Zitz moved to Washington, D.C., after graduation and worked for the Peace Corps and the National Science Teachers Association. She then returned to Fredericksburg. For nearly 14 years, Lisa worked at Breg International, an environmental products firm, and retired as vice president of marketing in May 2002 to stay home and care for her toddler son. She and her husband, writer Michael Zitz, are expecting their second child in July 2003. Lisa also wrote a weekly column as the restaurant critic for *The Free Lance-Star* newspaper for almost five years. Lisa's work as a full-time mom and overseeing the addition and renovation of their home is providing her with plenty of fodder for continuing her free-lance writing efforts!

Kathy Adams-Silianoff lives in Los Angeles, Calif., with her husband, Jim, and their two daughters. She worked as a speech-language pathologist but now stays home with the girls. Kathy said she is occasionally in touch with **Ken Brady**, who lives in Venice, Calif., with his wife, Cecilia. He is making films but still has a day job. **Margaret "Meg" Wade** was married to Jon Ross in October 2002. They live in Arlington, Va. **Kim Kurtz Uthe** and **Chris Uthe** '84 live in Greensboro, N.C., with their three boys. **David Parchen** '88 and his wife, Marice, live in Stow, Mass.

Well that's about all the news I have for this edition. Thanks for all your correspondence! Be sure to send me an update for the next issue!

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From Bill:

2002 was a difficult but thankful year for **Cindy Dyche Rodway**. Both her son, Mitchel, and she experienced medical problems that thankfully seem to be resolved. She is now happily molding daughter Veronica into a blooming artist.

Jonathan Stutzman '89 also had his hands full with his son, Charlie, as he transitioned from the crib to the big boy bed. Jonathan and his wife, Oksana, enjoyed several trips from their Virginian home, including a trip to Belarus.

Mark Gilliat hosted his first house-warming party in his new Falls Church home. Meanwhile, **Doug Rose** and his wife, Natasha, were planning their own celebration as Doug finishes his Ph.D.

In the same vein, **Charlie Gullo** finished his fellowship with Harvard. **Lydia "Dia" Wheeler Pullen** had her first child in January 2001. **Jen Merson Herzberg** had her second child, Lauren, in August 2001. **Dana Brienza Smedley** had her first child, Patrick, in October 2001. **Julie Prostick Gibbons** had her first child, Benjamin, in September 2001.

From Dia:

My husband, Deron, son Ethan and I live in Rock Hill, S.C., just south of Charlotte, N.C. I work at Winthrop U. in Rock Hill as the field placement coordinator for the College of Education. I enjoy working with the public schools to coordinate field experiences for future teachers. Deron is the German teacher at Rock Hill High School and Castle Heights Middle School. We celebrated our five-year wedding anniversary last June by taking a trip to New England, visiting New Hampshire, Vermont and Maine.

I see **Courtney Wait Speer** often, since she lives in Charlotte with her husband, Greg. Courtney works as a project manager at a merchandising company. She and Greg are the parents of 1-year-old Nicholas. **Rhonda LeFever Poff** and her husband, John, also live in the Charlotte area in Matthews, N.C. They are the proud parents of Madalyn Jane, "Maddy," and their newest addition, Evan, who was born in July 2002.

I enjoyed seeing a lot of fellow alums during several trips to Virginia and D.C. last fall. **Cathy Pond Cunningham** lives in Richmond and teaches special education students at Patrick Henry High School. **Karen Troiano Connell** and her husband, Jon, live in Fairfax with three beautiful children, Mar, Megan and newest addition, Jon William "Jack," who was born in July 2002. **Laurie Johnson Chidlow** and her husband, Carl, live in Alexandria and are happy to announce the birth of their son, "CJ," in June 2002. Laurie continues to work as a management consultant for EDS, but CJ won't allow her any more assignments in the UK! Carl continues to campaign relentlessly for U.S. Senate and presidential candidates.

And more baby news! **Stephanie Weekes Hensen** was due in late January 2003 with her third child. She and her husband, Kevin, live in Fredericksburg. **Lynne Yankosky Barner** and husband Paul had a baby girl, Emily, in December 2002, and they live in Fairfax.

Congratulations to **Karen Clegg**, who married Mark Blocker in December 2002! Karen is an elementary school teacher, Mark is a guidance counselor, and they live in Bristow, Va.

Jennifer Bryant Langdale and husband Jay live in Gainesville, Fla. Jennifer does consulting work in historic preservation and travels throughout the south. **Gina Dukes Jones** and her husband, Mark, live in Chesapeake, Va., and had baby Natalie last summer.

Tricia Shickle Lowery and husband John have three children. They moved in August 2002 from Muncie, Ind., to Michigan, where John coaches baseball for the U. of Michigan. **Mark Micozzi** and Melany live in Norman, Okla., where Mark earned his Ph.D. in geography.

From Amy:

I finally finished my master's in special education at George Mason U. in December. I'm also in my first year of teaching students with emotional disabilities at Woodson High School in Fairfax. My husband of three years, Steven, is a lobbyist for Blue Cross Blue Shield Association in Washington, D.C. We celebrated my graduation by spending Christmas and New Year's in London.

Nicole LaPorte married Carl Parker in November 2002 in Arlington, Va. I was delighted to serve as her matron of honor. They honeymooned in Maui and are living in Detroit, Mich., where Carl is vice president of sales for a steel company.

Belated wedding wishes to **Jackie Rueckert** '92, who was wed to Jim Lakely in October 2001. Their wedding took place in Fredericksburg with the reception at the newly renovated Green Room of Seacobeck. It was truly a highlight of the wedding for those of us who attended MWC! Jackie and Jim reside in Fredericksburg, where Jackie is quite busy with a free-lance art business. Jim was recently hired by the *Washington Times* newspaper as a Capitol Hill reporter.

In November 2002, **Cristy Stocks** married Michael DeHoff. Several MWC alumni were there to help them celebrate, including Courtney Wait Speer, **Cori Tilton Lewis**, **Ralph Lewis**, Jackie Rueckert Lakely, **Peggy Thompson Zinck** and me. After a wonderful wedding, Cristy and Mike headed to Ocho Rios, Jamaica, for their honeymoon. Mike ended a 10-year commitment to the military and is currently employed at Woolpert LLP as a land surveyor. Cristy has also been very busy — she became a partner in her optometric practice last year. Cristy and Mike are glad they are finally living in the same city, and Cristy is looking forward to being a stepmom to Mike's 6-year-old son, Drew.

In other baby news, Ralph and **Cori Tilton Lewis** welcomed a daughter, Peyton Grace, in 2002. Peyton joins big-brother Griffin, who was born in March 2000.

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Cathy D'Araujo Taylor is enjoying her time

with a fast-growing child, Mindy, and taking classes to earn a teaching license. Cathy is halfway through the program and is holding down a 4.0 GPA after two semesters. **Sarah Cox Boyer** said that not much has changed — same husband, same job, same house, same car, same dog and same cat. Oh, but there was that trip to Belize! **Ross Ramsey** still works at MWC and really enjoys it. He and his wife were expecting their first child, a girl, in March. Ross reported that **Matt Mejia** is engaged to Donna Gray, one of Ross' co-workers.

Gary Butera has served 10 years with the U.S. National Park Service, two as an archaeology tech and the rest as an interpretive ranger, and is now in communications. He married a beautiful chiropractor in Charlestown, W.Va. Together they have, if I read the e-mail correctly, nine children! **Elizabeth Bauer Henrickson** and hubby **Dave Henrickson** '91 bought a new house in Warrenton and moved home and business to the area in May 2002. Elizabeth is executive director of the Northern Piedmont Community Foundation in Warrenton. They both love the small town living. Elizabeth added that she and Dave took at bike tour of France and Germany last summer.

After leaving Fredericksburg and attending summer school at T.C. Williams Law School, **Carol Alvey Swindell** changed her mind about becoming a lawyer, moved to Smith Mountain Lake and took some time off. She earned her master's in sociology from Hollins in 1998 and completed her requirements for a master's in special education from ODU. Her next goal is a Ph.D.! Carol has a daughter, who is a senior at Va. Tech, and a son at Nashville Auto Diesel College in Tennessee. Carol teaches at Franklin County High School, and she and her husband have enjoyed trips to England and Scotland. She wrote that MWC holds some of her most favorite memories, and, thanks to Dr. Tracy, she can now teach American Studies/Virginia History.

Jo Dryer Wollenberg married Chad in May 2002 and now lives in Southern Virginia, where they have purchased a new home. **Andrea Gallimore Ferrenz** and husband Brian were expecting their second child in January. Andrea said that **Susan Sherburne** married Kory Bockman last October and that they both live in Silver Spring. **Cliff Jordan** is working as a military geospatial analyst in Florida. He traveled to Bogotá to provide mapping support to the Colombian military last August and was married to Wendi Selvey in April. Cliff and Wendi are the proud parents of an "unbelievable precocious 4-year old."

Cheryl Roberts graduated from the U. of Richmond in May 2002 and passed the Virginia bar exam. She's practicing in Orange County and, being so close to Charlottesville, gets to see **Allison Andrews Teweles** '95 and **Rob Teweles** quite often. By the way, Rob and Allison were expecting their first child very soon! Cheryl added that she and **Jean Sudlow Simpson** were bridesmaids for **Aimee Cooper Starr** in October. Aimee married David, an attorney, at Mt. Airy Mansion in Maryland and now lives in Arlington. The Teweles were there along with **Joel Mog** '94 and his fiancée. Lastly, Cheryl said that **Cindy Rush Reasoner** started working for the Virginia Beach public school system this year as an assistant principle.

Mike Weil and his wife are expecting their first child. Mike and Jen plan to name the babe Jacob Webb. Mike added that they bought a house in Gaithersburg. **Amy Wray Sabo** and her husband, Ed, had their second daughter in May 2002. They sold their house and were moving into a larger one that they have totally remodeled! Amy sees **Whitney Hall Donaghy** on a regular basis, and added that Whitney studies hard in her pursuit of a library science degree at American U. Whitney herself wrote to say that she loves her degree and is even doing the optional reading! **Brian Donaghy** '94 continues his pastry career at the Ritz Carlton in Tysons Corner.

For those of you who may have missed the last report, **Karin Bulova** got married in May 2001 in Bora Bora to Robert Gatlin. Karin and Robert continue to hike and climb local mountain ranges, and she spends quite a few hours in her pottery studio trying to make the perfect bowl. She met some of her goals for 2002 by successfully reaching the summit of Mt. Ranier in June and placing fourth in her division of a multi-sport adventure race in July. Other highlights for Karin include testifying in a Federal Energy Regulatory Commission case in October regarding the 2000/2001 West Coast energy crisis and running the Seattle Half Marathon in December.

Bethany Zecher Sutton and **Ben Sutton** '95 are very happily settled into their home in Arlington and commute to D.C. together every day. Ben is still at the IMF and, as of March 2003, Bethany will have been at the Association of American Colleges and Universities for two years. They get together regularly with some others from the Class of '93, including **Jason Ackerman** and **Kathy Mulvaney**. Bethany also still keeps in touch with **Nikki Dunnivan Christmas**, who is in N.C., **Stacey McInerney Law**, who is in Stafford and **Debbie Newell Scott**, who is in Sterling.

Wendy Ralph Blausey and hubby Art have been married for seven years and live in Suffolk. She is in her tenth year of teaching at Nansemond-Suffolk Academy. **Amy Duchemin DeLorenzo** and hubby John live in Santa Barbara, Calif. Amy is a stay-at-home mom with son Jack. **Rob Cerullo** resigned from the Chesterfield County Police Deptment, after almost 10 years of service, to pursue a law degree at U. of Richmond. In October, his wife had their first child, Isabella. Rob said that even with a lot of stress, all is well. **Stacey Freed** reported that she is recently engaged. Her fiancé proposed to her under the Eiffel Tower — how romantic! **Stephanie Allsup** is currently practicing criminal prosecution and child protective law in Texas. She planned to move back to Florida in January to take the Florida bar exam. She was also hoping to find a job with protective services in Florida or a federal job in D.C.

Amy Mumpower Atkinson said that she has nothing to report but mentioned that she's a willing volunteer for the reunion. **John Puterio** and **Becky Perry** have married and are both teachers in Louden County. They are proud parents of Breanna Lynn, born August 2001. **Michael Compton** is a postdoctoral fellow in community psychiatry/public health and a preventive medicine resident at Emory U. He is working toward a career in schizophrenia research. Right after graduation from MWC, **Leavelle Tillar Koch** went right into nursing school and received her associate's degree in 1995. Since then, she's worked a few nursing positions and is currently employed by Greensville Memorial Hospital in Emporia. Leavelle finds the job very rewarding, and, hopefully, it gives her a chance to spend time with her new fiancé, Jeff. They enjoy many activities together, especially anything outdoorsy. Lastly, they have two dogs and three cats.

Dodie Denison Whitt '95 and **Rob Whitt** are now parents of Emily and Abigail. Rob still works for Markel Corp., and Dodie is with the Henrico County public schools. Their latest adventure has been building a new house. They sold their old one to two MWC grads, **Chris Crabbe** '99 and **Joanna Moore Crabbe** '98! **Tisha Custis Henderson** and husband Jim have two sons, Schuyler and Jackson. Tisha is a school counselor and busy mom. The Hendersons recently built a house (I sense a pattern here among the Class of 1993) in Fredericksburg and purchased a new boat that they hope to enjoy on the Potomac. **Suzy DeHart Gilbert** gave birth to Dylan Thomas in 2001. He's keeping her so busy that she has nothing else to report!

Suzanne Horsley started a new position as director of alumni relations at VCU's School of Mass Communications early in 2002. She enjoys her job because it gives her a chance to travel and even run into a few MWC grads! Suzanne married Joe Herron last June in Richmond. It was a very MWC wedding with the Rev. **Lynn Litchfield Divers** '92 performing the ceremony, **Diane Newcomb Easter** as mistress of ceremonies and both **Cindy Dunnavant Easterday** and **Leann Vernon** as greeters.

Michelle and **Art Speyer** had their first child, Ethan, in June 2001. At the time I received her e-mail, they were planning a trip to Emerald Isle, N.C. for the summer. Art still gets to travel for business to exotic locals like Camp Lejeune.

Elizabeth Bowen Jones and her husband, Mike, had their third child, Garrett Nathan, in 2002, and the older children are being wonderful big siblings! Mike continues to do well with his handyman business, which has been expanding so fast that he's hired a partner and more help. Elizabeth returned from maternity leave to accept a new position with the Westmoreland County Department of Social Services. Her new adult services position allows her to have more one-on-one contact with the elderly population. Elizabeth and Mike have been renovating their home, and she was looking forward to having a new kitchen soon.

Tari Stage-Harvey and hubby Kirt are still living in the upper peninsula of Michigan, where she is a Lutheran pastor. Tari and Kirt celebrated the first birthday of baby Hannah, who is now a walking maniac. Lastly, Tari said that she, **Jennifer Williams** and **Whitney Hall Donaghy** got together in October 2001 in Las Vegas to celebrate Whitney's birthday.

Shannon McKenna Winnard is a manager at Best of Nature and continues to concoct many new kinds of wonderful soaps. She and hubby Pete are fixing up their abode. Another Shannon, this time **Shannon Richard**, has been working for Shimadzu Scientific Instruments for about three years as a marketing specialist for three of their product lines. When she noted that her job requires a lot of traveling, she wasn't kidding! In 2001, Shannon traveled to 18 different places, including Las Vegas, New Orleans, Guatemala and exotic Kansas.

Jennifer Hileman McFaden lives with her husband, Buzz, in Lynchburg with two Bernese Mountain dogs and two cats. She works as the corporate housing manager for a property management firm and volunteers as a shock-trauma technician for the local rescue squad. In her free time, she plays volleyball and golfs.

Michelle Martin Durand wasn't able to attend the reunion, because her oldest nephew was graduating from high school. Michelle has been married for seven years to Jeff, and they have two wonderful girls. Until August, Michelle was working as a loan officer at a local credit union, but now she's a practicing full-time mom.

My reunion co-conspirator, **Tim Landis**, is a real estate agent with Long and Foster specializing in NOVA residential property. As usual, he hosted his annual New Year's Eve bash in D.C. and was even covered by *USA Today*! Gal pal **Sandy McCaffity Lyle** and husband Travis are building their first home — roll out the welcome mat, guys, because I'm only a two-hour drive away!

My favorite weatherman, **Eric Pritchett**, continues his on-air work as a broadcast weather anchor at WVIR-TV NBC29 Charlottesville. His main shows are 5 p.m. and 11 p.m. weekdays, and he really enjoys his work. Eric is a member and seal holder with the National Weather Association (NWA), and last fall, he began a three-

year broadcast meteorology program through Mississippi State U. Eric said that he seeks to gain a broadcast seal from the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in the future and to move into a larger TV market. While no longer a paid political campaign operative, Eric still enjoys following state and national politics. He also ran cross county at MWC and is proud to say that he's still running. Each year he runs several races, usually 5 and 10Ks, but also 10 milers. Eric still resides in Staunton and is single.

Tama Welch Press married **Jon Press**, and they have two daughters. The Press family moved from Richmond to Dayton, Ohio, last summer, because Jon was offered a relocation package with his company, MeadWestVaco Paper Corporation. So far, they really like it. Luckily Tama was able to continue her work as a systems analyst for SunTrust Bank, because she works remotely from home and loves it! She had a wedding and portrait photography business in Virginia on the side but probably won't continue it. Tama added that she happened to run into **Mike Haller** and his wife and kids at the airport shortly after she moved to Ohio. She thinks he said he was relocating as well, from Tennessee to Kentucky.

Simon Borger and his wife, Dawn, had their first child in November. **Stacey Freed** celebrated her sixth anniversary at AOL, and she's been busy planning her wedding in Middleburg, Va., in June 2003. They will have a West Coast reception in Washington state in July. Stacey's fiancé is from Cashmere, Wash., and they wanted to celebrate with people from his hometown as well. They are also in the process of building a house. **Ron Noonan** will be spending the next two years in Russia studying interpreting.

Tara Smith DeGarmo became engaged in December 2001. Just before Christmas, she and fiancé Bret bought a house on Kent Island on the Eastern Shore in Maryland and then were married in August. Bret works close to home, but Tara commutes to Arlington to work at the Drug Enforcement Administration, where she has been for eight years. She doesn't love the commute, but there is something about crossing over the Bay every night that makes it all worthwhile.

Meredith Wehmann Hagler has been working mostly for software companies in marketing and project management roles for the past 10 years but recently (and excitedly!) made a career change to graphic and Web design. She was a full-time student at the Art Institute of Washington and finished with a degree in multimedia and Web design this June. In May 2001, Meredith married a wonderful guy, Dave Hagler, in a private ceremony in Maui with a reception for friends and family in D.C. that followed in July. They built and moved into a house in Ashburn in September 2002 and love living out in the 'burbs!

Tracy Young Rowland has been a stay-at-home mom since son Charles was born in November 2000. The Rowlands recently added a daughter to their family; Lindsay Katharine was born in August 2002. Tracy keeps active with the kids as a member of a mom's group and serves on their board. She spent 2001 immersed in local politics, managing her husband's campaign for the school board. He was elected after a very competitive race!

Allison Griffin Mitchell and her husband of four years, Case, have enjoyed their home in Barboursville with their two lab puppies. Allison and Case planted a garden and have continued to be active at Spring Hill Baptist Church as Sunday school teachers. Allison is a concurrent review nurse for Southern Health Insurance, a Coventry Company, and Case works at GE Fanuc as a circuit board design engineer.

Susan Sherburne Bockman moved out of D.C. and bought a house in Silver Spring, Md., with her then-fiancé in July, and they were married in October in Georgetown. Classmates in attendance at the wedding were **Andrea Gallimore Ferrenz**, **Brian Sullivan** and **Diana Daniel**. Susan added that she's lucky to work in a job that she loves, in early education policy and programming, for the National Association for the Education of Young Children doing accreditation of early childhood programs.

Krista Houser Wood is working harder than ever at home raising her and husband Tom's two children, Alex and Matthew. She said that it's quite a challenge keeping up with a preschooler and a toddler while trying not to lose her sanity! The Christmas holidays found the Woods very blessed to be expecting their third child, due around the beginning of July. They still live in Stafford and are planning to join the minivan club in the spring.

Dana Bradley and her husband, Aaron McKinnon, live in Pasadena, Calif. Dana's been working for Universal Music and Video Distribution for the past five years, with most of that time spent as an artist development rep for Interscope/Geffen/A&M and DreamWorks Records, both in Boston and Los Angeles. (Dana, I want your job!) She was promoted in September and now runs UMVD's National College program. Dana said that it's been a very rewarding job, since she's working with all the labels under UMVD and is directing a team of 40 college reps across the country. She added that it is the first real music business job for most of these reps, so the coolest part for her has been both the raw enthusiasm of the reps and the knowledge that if she gives them the best training and experience now, they'll be promoted into full-time jobs with UMVD after graduating. Aaron and Dana remain avid snowboarders and are hoping for a long winter season. They also took up surfing last year to make the snow-free summers pass more quickly. The little that remains of their free time is spent renovating their 1920s house in Pasadena. As for classmates, Dana said that **Mark Fritzel** '94 still lives in the Bay area, and she sees him often. She still stays in touch with many other '93 and '94 MWC grads but unfortunately sees them only over the holidays or at weddings. **Tonya Young Wilder** lives in Columbus, Ohio, and is teaching German at the high-school level.

And now a bit of info about myself. I'm still working at AIMR doing public relations work. Pratt started a new pet-sitting business in August 2002 that has taken off like gangbusters. Okay, it means that we don't travel during holidays, but it does give us an excuse to pass on certain obligations! We've also taken up kayaking on Lake Monticello, a great sport if you can try it. Things we're looking forward to: a trip to the UK to visit my sister, who's studying in London; and more kayaking! I really enjoy this little job and hope that everyone keeps on sending me their whereabouts. We've had a lot of information from new folks, so please keep up the good work!

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From Megan:

It's hard to believe that it's been eight years since we graduated. **Chris Richardson** and I celebrated our fifth wedding anniversary last summer. We have two daughters. Chris works as a software developer for Fannie Mae, and I have been enjoying life as a stay-at-home mom since 2001.

Rob McAllister and **Bethany Farmer** '96 have been married for four years and have three children. **Karen Orzechowski McLaughlin** and her husband, Sean, have a house in Severn, Md. **Shannon Kroeger** graduated from U. of Richmond Law School in 2000 and has since been practicing with a firm in Fairfax, Va. **Jason Lawrence** and **Stephanie Quinn Lawrence** are living in Alexandria, Va., with their son, who was born in February 2002.

Petra Travis Peters has married a Dutchman named Michiel. They were wed in Stockholm, Sweden, where Petra has resided for the past four years. In attendance at her wedding were fellow MWC grads **Deborah Herron** and **Melissa Wheat Yakabouski** '94. **Patricia Dominguez-Bendala** returned to Spain after graduation and got a second degree in psychology. She also earned a master's degree in human resources management. She is planning a wedding for sometime in the near future.

Kathleen Slesnick had a June 2003 wedding to Lamar Kauffman. She is the historic preservation officer for the city of Fort Pierce, Fla. **Robyn Harper** is working on her degree in veterinary medicine at Tufts U. She is still in touch with fellow classmates **Leslie Sexton Ozguner** and **Amy Parrish Covert**. Leslie and her husband, Tolga, live in Minnesota, where she works for the Mayo Clinic in Rochester. Amy is married to **Stephen Covert** '93.

Anne Maria Giroud and her husband, Vernon, had a baby boy in October 2002. They live in Chesapeake, Va. **Amy Bonnes McFarland** enjoys being a stay-at-home mom for her daughter. Amy and her husband bought a house a few years ago in Valley Township, Pa. **Jack Bryant** is stationed with the USAF in Okinawa, Japan, where he is a flight surgeon with the 353rd Special Operations Group.

Suzanne Augugliaro is living in North Adams, Mass., where she is the landlord of a three-family house that she purchased last year. She works as an event planner for the development office at Williams College. **Allison Andrews Teweles** and her husband, **Rob** '93, are new parents as of December 2002.

Matt and **Shandie Hall Covington** have moved back to Virginia from Michigan. Matt is teaching in Hanover County; Shandie is an allocation analyst for the United Network for Organ Sharing in Richmond. They have a daughter. **Rik DeVoest** is working on a master's degree in elementary education at Johns Hopkins U., Rockville Campus, and is living in Bethesda, Md.

Maureen Thompson Brand and her husband, Dave, became new parents in January 2002. Maureen is still in touch with **Ronda Johnson Smith** and **Jennifer Moore Swisher.** Ronda was married to her husband, Ryan, in October 2001 and is living in Fredericksburg, where she works for Geico. Jennifer also lives in Fredericksburg with her husband, James, and works for Capital One.

Liane Sandstrom DeChazal lives in Rochester, Mich., with her husband, Aaron, and their two children. She is a full-time mother and part-time ballet teacher. **Tanya Shelton Overbey** was married in June to her husband, Dugger. Tanya teaches government at Altavista High School. She is still in touch with **Sally McNaught**, who lives in Pennsylvania, and **Dorie Fryling Fink**, who is the mother of two boys.

Ben Hernandez is living in Charlottesville, Va. where he works for his family's real estate business. He has also started a two-year term on

the alumni board of MWC. **Mike Dmochowski** and his wife, **Lisa Blackley Dmochowski** '96, live in Roanoke with their daughter. Mike works at the *Roanoke Times* as a graphic designer, while Lisa enjoys being a stay-at-home mom. **Beth Todd Amlung** was married in April 2002 to husband Jonathan. They live in Louisville, Ky., where Beth teaches tennis while she is working for her real estate license. She shared the news that **Maggie Harrison** was also married in April 2002. Among those in attendance at her wedding were **Grace Escario McPherson**, **Kristen O'Malley** and **Lynn Cromer**.

Laura Nordan Gerbis has been living in Phoenix, Ariz., with husband Nick, for over four years. Laura works as an environmental planner for an engineering firm in Tempe. **Marty Mitchell** lives in Richmond, Va., and works in management at Circuit City Corporate in the consumer affairs department. **Alexa Ainsworth Oestreicher** lives in Maine with her husband, Drew, and their two children. Alexa is a stay-at-home mom.

Peggy Kenworthy earned an M.S. degree in criminal justice from VCU. While in her last year of law school, she worked as a paralegal for a firm in Fredericksburg. She planned to continue with the firm after she got her law degree in May 2003. **Michael Woodward** and his wife, Renee, live in Springfield, Va. They eloped in August 2002. Michael has worked at a non-profit called AAPM for six years as their director of IS. **Cyndi Liccese-Torres** and her husband, George, are living in Falls Church, Va., with their baby girl, who was born in April 2002. Cyndi works for the historic preservation program in Arlington County while she is working on her master's degree in historic preservation.

Elizabeth Helms and her family now reside on the island of Oahu, Hawaii. After a career with Naval Space Command, Elizabeth went home to raise their new daughter. Elizabeth is working as an artist in Hawaii under her company name, Glimpsperations.

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From Amy:

Let the updates begin! **Monica Crissup** is a cell biologist working in the quality control group of a bio-resource company. She moved last summer and is now in Manassas. **Amanda Riley-Smith** lives in Durham, N.C. She graduated from Duke U. Divinity School in 2000 and is working as the minister of education and nurture at a church in Durham.

The old Randolph Hall group was at homecoming. Though we missed hall-mate **Christin Daniels Minter** at the reunion, she earned her master's degree from Radford U. in experimental psychology and then moved to Lexington, Ky., where she's worked for three years as the clinical research supervisor at Shriners Hospital for Children. Last August, she married Chris, whom she met in graduate school. **Amy Ney** and **Amanda Price** were in the wedding, and **Bill Sherman** attended. In September, Christin traveled to Milwaukee, Wis., to attend **Ken Allen**'s wedding to Katie, whom he met in California several years ago. Ken and Katie now live in Portland, Ore.

At the wedding, Christin ran into classmates **Dave Camporesi** '98, **Jeff Seaman** and **Jesse Freese** '98. In October, she traveled to Blacksburg to be in Amy Ney's wedding to Fredericksburg native Craig Zaidman, whom she met in medical school at U.Va. Doctors Ney and Zaidman are both doing their residency at Brown U. in Providence, R.I., specializing in dermatology and pediatrics, respectively.

Marisa Franzitta Christensen and Amanda Price were also in her wedding. Marisa is working on her residency, as well, specializing in family medicine at Duke U. Amanda lives in Albuquerque, N.M., and is soon to be Dr. Price, as she was finishing her dissertation last semester in cognitive neuroscience. She hopes to find a job as a psychology professor at a small college in the east next fall. Bill Sherman finished his master's degree at Virginia Tech last summer and married **Marne Dantone** '98 in late October in Virginia Beach.

Congratulations to **Jason Fusaro** '98 and **Julie Keefe Fusaro** on the December birth of their daughter. The Fusaros built a house in South Riding, Va., last summer, where Julie is a project manager for American Management Systems and Jason is an area manager for Enterprise-Rent-A-Car. Also celebrating the December birth of their first child are **Ashley Rogers Menninger** and her husband, **Tim** '95. The family lives in Centreville, and Ashley and Tim work in Tysons Corner. **Ben Martin** and **Stephanie Johnson Martin** celebrated the August birth of their daughter. The Martins live in Annandale, where Ben works for the Health Industry Distributors Association as a member relations manager.

Last July, **Anne Chappell Tyler Tommasi** and her husband, Tony, purchased a new house in Selma, a small suburb of San Antonio, Texas, where they live with their daughter. Tony is a soccer coach at Texas Lutheran U., and Chappell works as a commissions specialist for a medical supply company called Kinetic Concepts Inc. Also out in the western part of the country are **Meagan Cahill** and her husband, Jesse Frantz, who were married in October 2002. Both were Ph.D. students at the U. of Arizona. Meagan reported that **Gina Pisoni** started the environmental law program at Vermont Law School in fall 2002.

My "Honor Sis," **Whitney Shelton**, received her juris doctorate from the Appalachian School of Law in Grundy, Va., in May 2002. She was clerking for the Hon. Glen M. Williams, Senior District Court Judge for the Western District of Virginia in Abingdon. Honor Council friend, **Jennifer "Fer" Fearnow Elkins**, and her husband celebrated their fifth wedding anniversary and the first birthday of their son, who was born in January 2002. Fer says that "of course we visited the campus and bought him an MWC onesie, since he is a product of MWC!"

Also celebrating their anniversary were **Richard** '85 and **Kate Lulfs Ehrle**. Though I was sad not to see them at homecoming, their reason was legitimate — they took a month-long trip to Europe, visiting France, England and Italy. They were even able to surprise Kate's folks, who live outside of Naples, with a visit. Kate's job transitioned to IBM, after PricewaterhouseCoopers consulting was purchased by IBM last October. She is managing a defense logistics e-procurement engagement. Richard is working at the Missile Defense Agency at the Naval Annex. Their new house is becoming *home* more each day, complete with their black lab. Kate has crossed paths with a few MWCers over the past several months: Naval Lieutenant **Aaron Zielinski** and Kate's former suitemates, **Melissa Finke** '98 and **Carol Hairfield** '98, prior to Aaron's six-month-cruise on the *U.S.S. Truman*. In December, she met **Crissie Finno** and **Beth Shultz** for dinner in the 'Burg. She sees **Julie Newell** often and is busy helping her make those key bridal decisions. She's exchanged a few e-mails with **Heather Holmes**, who is working at the Distilled Spirits Council in Northern Virginia. She also ran into **Geoff Hart** '96 in a meeting a few months ago. He is working for Altarum, a consulting company.

Best wishes to **Colette Strawn** and **Michael Johnson** '96, who were married in Fredericksburg in June 2002. They live in Falls Church, where Michael works for Nextel, and Colette works for Induscorp, where my brother, Brian, also works. Also celebrating as newlyweds are **Kathleen Gillikin MacCubbin** and her husband, Patrick, who were married in July 2002. They bought a row house in Baltimore and are both enjoying their jobs; Kathleen is a librarian, and Patrick is a teacher.

I'm one-third of the way through my master's in English at GMU. I'm looking forward to finishing, someday! I've been traveling more for work, and in February spent some extended time in Tampa, Fla., due to a snowstorm. Luckily, my boyfriend, Craig, was with me as a Valentine's Day surprise, so we took day trips to enjoy Florida sites and to see the beautiful waters of the Gulf of Mexico. As our thoughts turn toward the warmth of summer, please keep those updates coming!

From Michelle:

Dan Tobin joined the Dominicans after he finished his Ph.D. in chemistry last summer. He applied for the central province of the USA Order of Preachers, which will keep him in the Midwest for most of his life. He will be able to use his degree while serving the church.

We have many new parents among us. **Amy Lapasota Miles** and husband Davin became parents in January to a son. **Lew Crenshaw** and his wife, Pamela, also became parents to a son in December. **Ashley Rogers Menninger** and her husband, **Tim Menninger** '95, had a baby boy in December.

Tara St. John Cantwell and her husband, TJ, are expecting their first child in July.

Wedding bells are in the air! **Craig Pullen** '98 was married in September 2002 to Jessica Gregory. The wedding party was packed with Eagles, with Lew Crenshaw, **Ryan Preston**, **Tim Meinken** and **Matt Sutter** in the celebration. Craig and Jessica bought their first home in Ashburn, Va. **Katy Higgins Sample** was married to another Craig in December in Orange, Va. They met while studying at U.Va. **Debbie Fleming** married Mark Elkins in October.

Stephanie O'Connor Shockley married Dan, a friend of 13 years, in November 2002. **Sarah Meyrowitz** was one of the bridesmaids and also wrote the blessing for the reception. Sarah and her fiancé, Rachel Martin, are busy planning their August 2003 wedding. **Colleen Minion-Pierce** and her boyfriend, Mike, made the trip from Tacoma, Wash., where Colleen is the education and outreach coordinator for an environmental non-profit, Citizens for a Healthy Bay. **Kathleen Gillikin MacCubbin** and her husband were also among the guests. Stephanie and Dan honeymooned in Arizona.

Mary Jean "MJ" Figel is engaged to Brian Day, a med student at Robert Wood Johnson Medical School, and a date has been set for May 2004. **Robin Kozic** will be married in July 2003 to Peter Martignoni. **Liz Rodriguez** continues to work at the Lombardi Cancer Center doing prostate cancer research. Liz successfully completed her second adventure race last October, is engaged and plans to get married in summer 2003.

Jen McCarty and Chaz Weaver were engaged in November 2002 while touring Yankee Stadium on vacation. Another member of the tour group caught the whole thing on film! Chaz and Jen bought a house in Richmond, where they live

with their dog. Jen works in human resources for the Department of Corrections, and Chaz is a geotechnical engineer for the Department of Transportation.

Julie Newell and **Nathan Leslie** '94 are busy planning their June 2004 wedding and decorating the home they recently bought in Fairfax. I am very excited to be part of this wedding party along with fellow classmate, Kate Lulfs Ehrle. **Mark Preston** '99 is in the Army Reserves and is now on active duty. He has been deployed and was heading to Kuwait. Please keep him and all other soldiers in your thoughts.

Annmarie Hirst and her husband, Christian Barone, are both flight instructors at Daniel Webster College in New Hampshire. Annmarie and Christian live in Rye, N.H., with their little dog. **Jackie Curry Todaro** had a very busy 2002, traveling to Puerto Rico with her family, going to the Olympics in Salt Lake City, recovering from knee surgery and moving to upstate New York.

Ali McEvoy and her dance company, Jam Crew, enjoyed rave reviews in *The Washington Post* after their concert in November. **Ann "Ally" Serio** left D.C. and is now working at VIMS near Williamsburg, Va. **Tanya Najarian** bought a condo in Vienna, Va.

Myra Simpson continues to work in admissions at the College of New Jersey while working toward her graduate degree in counselor education. Myra is currently serving on MWC's alumni board of directors.

Mike "Pasta" Paolino '98 and **Giles Kesteloot** continue to find success with their musical project, mellowheadblue. After playing at the MWC homecoming, mellowheadblue released their first record, "Down the River Sideways," in 2003. For more information go to mellowheadblue.com.

Alanna Weaver is busy jet-setting for both business and pleasure. Alanna wrote me from a family vacation in Tahoe about delivering a presentation to a group of international doctors in London. **Dave Wrubel** is also jet-setting his way around the globe for work and enjoys the time he does spend in Northern Virginia with his wife, Laura. **Becky Earle** married a long-time friend of Jeff Seaman. Jeff is now working for Rydex Funds and continues to live with Jesse Freese '98, **Clint McCarthy** '98 and Mike Paolino. New jobs, serious girlfriends and the prospect of nearing 30 are factors supporting their decision to disband the Bushnell Hall-like bachelor pad and go their separate ways this summer. **Mike Hurt**, Jesse and Jeff all ventured out to Milwaukee, Wis., for the wedding and had a blast. They tried to pay homage to "The Beast" since Mary Wash supports the stuff so well year in and year out, but they didn't have the time to do the factory tour. Mike spent three months in Afghanistan with his company and will be doing another overseas stint soon. Who knew those geography majors did more than just maps?

As for me, I continue to work with CSC Consulting, live in Minneapolis with my husband, Wade, and travel extensively.

1999

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Brian Straight taught Spanish in a private school in the Virgin Islands. He began attending Ohio U. in the fall for Latin American studies. **Sharon Reavis** went to Vanderbilt U. to study law directly following our graduation. She successfully completed the Tennessee bar exam in summer 2001 and is an entertainment attorney for the EMI Christian Music Group in Nashville.

Courtney Crabill became engaged last November to Pete Rossi. They are planning a December 2003 wedding in the D.C. area. **Nate Pipke** boosted his musical career by joining an a cappella group that will specialize in touring to schools to educate them about music. The group is even cutting a CD! **Melissa "Lisa" Mueller** was planning to attend grad school last year for education.

As for me, Fredericksburg is still what I call home. I have seriously looked into relocating to the other side of the world, but with politics what they are, that idea has been put on hold. Hope this issue of *MWC Today* finds you happy and healthy. If you want to see your updated information in this column, please e-mail or write!

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From Caroline:

Despite falling stocks and an ever-tightening job market, the Class of 2001 has had an active year. We've started jobs, started schools and started families.

Ellen Anderson and **Ted Bratrud** were married in October and now reside in Fairfax. **Sheri Asbeil** is working as a paralegal in Richmond for the law firm of Hill, Tucker, Marsh and Jackson. She also finds herself in the middle of the grueling law school application process. **Christina Barnes** lives in Fairfax and works as an investigator for U.S. Investigations Services in Annandale. She was planning to move to Connecticut with her boyfriend, **Rich Culver** '02, in April.

While living in Long Island, N.Y., **Mary Barton** completed her master's degree in elementary education and now teaches the third grade at St. Raymond's school in East Rockaway, N.Y. **Kelli Brittain** and **Alevia Colwell** both live in the D.C. area and work as recruiters for Onsite. **Ross Brown** lives in Richmond while he finishes his master's degree in physiology at the Medical College of Virginia. He will begin medical school this fall.

Anna Blackwell Bruner and her husband live in Virginia Beach. She is a leasing consultant with a local apartment complex and a sales consultant for Pampered Chef and PartyLite Gifts Inc. In February, she and her husband were planning to move to Tallahassee, Fla., where he will be commissioned as an officer in the U.S. Navy.

Kedron Bullock is enjoying her second year of law school and, of course, helping keep the Class of 2001 connected as a class agent. **Lani Carnill**, who lives in Springfield, Va., works for the D.C. law firm of Smith, Gambrell & Russell as the accounting assistant. She is looking into master's programs and is helping to coordinate a course on perspectives on the world Christian movement.

After working in Amherst, Mass., for the Massachusetts Public Interest Research Group (MassPIRG, a statewide environmental group) for a year, **Andrea Cimino** moved in November to Gaithersburg, Md., where she works on anti fur and trapping issues as the campaign manager for the wildlife and habitat section of the Humane Society of the United States in Washington. **Jenny Conkle** is working for the Rappahannock Rappidan Community Service Board, where she advocates for those with mental illnesses as a psychosocial rehabilitation provider.

Matt Cliszis works for The Chubb Group of insurance companies in New York City, where he lives. **Rob Eidson** lives in Falls Church with **Dave Liola** and **Cliff Hazelton**. He was recently promoted to head of national recruitment for the US division of SWIFT (a global financial services company). Rob began an executive M.B.A. program this spring.

Erinn Chorovich and **Sarah Schmoyer** both teach fifth grade at Montrose Elementary in Henrico County. Erinn teaches science, and Sarah teaches math. **Brooke Dunbar** is teaching with the Teach for America Corps in Indianola, Miss. She and **Peter Squire** '02 are engaged and will be getting married in October 2003. After finishing his Americorps Vista position in Minnesota, **Jason Engelhardt** moved back to Connecticut, where he works as a high-school math teacher. He also works in New Haven junior high schools in an early intervention program called MAAX (Maximizing Adolescent Achievement and Excellence).

Catherine Ford plans to finish her master's of environmental science at Johns Hopkins in August. She is currently working full time for Century Engineering in Towson, Md. **Jacquie Frank** is halfway through her three-year master's program at Montclair State U. for speech language pathology. She lives in Toms River, N.J.

Crystal Santerre Funderburg married hubby Chris in June 2001 and bought a house in Dumfries. She works for a software development company in Woodbridge and recently earned a promotion to assistant program manager. In addition, she has bought her own Mary Kay business. **Karen Graver** lives in Arlington and attends George Mason U., where she is working on her master's of science in applied physics and teaching astronomy labs.

Virginia Green lives in Nashville, Tenn., where she is halfway through her master's in theological studies from Vanderbilt U. She also plans to attend law school. **Erin Greenbaum** recently moved into her own apartment in Bethesda, Md., where she works for a real estate attorney and attends Towson U. for her master's in experimental psychology.

Gina Han lives in Fredericksburg, where she attends the James Monroe Center for her master's in education and teaching certification. She also works full time as a paraprofessional for kindergarteners in a Stafford elementary school. Somehow, she also finds time to volunteer as a Fredericksburg EMT. **Mike Harris** works for the Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission as a historic architecture consultant. He also serves on the Architectural Review Board for Pottstown, Pa. He lives in Redding, Pa., and has continued his involvement in historical reenactment. **Karyn Havas** was recently commissioned as a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army Medical Reserves. This will help her attain the rank of captain in the Veterinary Corps when she graduates the Cornell Veterinary School.

The travel bug bit **Jill Hollenbeck** and **Helen Huley**, who lived together in London, England, for six months after graduation. They said they waited tables to "support our travel habits." Helen gleefully admits she recently joined the circus — as the marketing coordinator with Feld Entertainment, the company that owns and operates Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey.

Jennie Jarvis lives in New York City, where she was recently promoted to assistant program officer for CDS International. She is responsible for the German side of the exchange program. **Caroline Jarvis** (another of your dedicated Class of 2001 agents) currently works for the Visiting

Nurse Association of Hudson Valley in Mount Kisco, N.Y. Future plans include finishing her master's of public administration with a specialty in non-profit management when she moves back to Virginia this July.

Kimberly Kelly graduated from Wake Forest U. with her master's of accountancy and has recently accepted a job with KPMG in Virginia Beach. **Kelli Kramer** and **Joe Petrick** are enjoying the Pacific Northwest, where they teach and attend graduate classes at IslandWood, an environmental education school on an island west of Seattle.

Natalie Lonergan is at Virginia Tech working on her master's in molecular biology. She is a TA in the biology department and is doing research with one of the professors. **Andrea Luteran** is working on her Ph.D. in biochemistry at Duke in North Carolina, which she enjoys but likens to indentured servitude. **Adele McDonald** is a second-year law student at Penn State's Dickinson School of Law in Carlisle, Pa., and works with the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania. She is engaged to marry fellow MWC alum **Andrew Neiburg** '00 next summer.

Brandy Nelson is in her second year of law school at the U. of Richmond. **Brianne Patchell** is completing her master's in human development and family studies at the U. of Wisconsin, Madison. She will continue on to the Ph.D. program this fall. She is also part of a training grant at the Waisman Center for Excellence in Developmental Disabilities. She is engaged, and the wedding is set for June. **Lori Leeker** enjoys teaching freshman composition and literature classes at George Mason U. as a graduate teaching assistant. She was to finish her master's degree in English this spring and hoped to continue teaching at GMU when she graduated. She is also thinking about pursuing her Ph.D. in cultural studies.

Teresa Joerger Mannix (another of your dedicated Class of 2001 agents) works in the MWC college relations office and is taking classes at George Mason. She enjoys married life. **Madelyn Marino** graduated in May from Hofstra U. with her master's in industrial/organizational psychology. She also works for a management consultant in Greenwich, Conn. **Danielle Matuch** is working on her master's in architecture at Syracuse U. She is also a teaching assistant for architectural history and has been helping an architecture professor and geographer with research for an upcoming book on Rome, N.Y. **Sandy Mayes** is a biology teacher at Brentsville High School in Prince William County. She is engaged to Bob Autrey, a paratrooper in the 82nd Airborne Division of the Army.

Meghan McAuliffe attends the U. of Delaware, where she is studying for her Ph.D. in clinical psychology. **Susan Ostrenga Carpenter** is teaching special education at Hugh Mercer Elementary School in Fredericksburg. **Demetra Papaefthimiou** is pursuing singing, working on her master's in math, turned down a job in the Foreign Service and is thinking hard about marriage. **Greg Stoner** works in the library at the Virginia Historical Society in Richmond while he attends Virginia Commonwealth U. for his master's in history. He became engaged in April 2002. They were planning a May 2003 wedding.

Eric Richko completed Polish language studies at Jagiellonian U. in Krakow, Poland, in June 2002. He is now in Krakow teaching English in a private school. **Julie Roper** lives in Richmond, where she works for the State Corporation Commission as an insurance company auditor. **Catherine Saifer** is a student at the Arizona U. College of Law and hopes to graduate in December 2003. **Amy Satterwhite** teaches math at Courtland High School in Spotsylvania. She was also planning to be married in June and is now Amy Thorne. **Charlie Sayers** teaches eighth-grade algebra and geometry at John J. Wright Middle School in Spotsylvania. He also coaches.

Michelle Schools became Michelle English after her wedding in March. They bought a house in Haynesville, Va. Michelle works as a substance abuse counselor for Middle-Peninsula Northern Neck Community Services Board, where she runs a therapeutic community for Northern Neck Regional Jail inmates with substance abuse problems. She is also taking classes through VCU to earn a certified substance abuse counselor certificate.

Lauren Smith attends Eastern Carolina U., where she is working on her master's in audiology. She also plans to stay for her clinical Ph.D. in audiology. **Ryan Smith** and **Beth Hovdestad**, living in Philadelphia, are engaged and plan to be married in July. **Paula Snell** lives in Richmond but is spending a year in Baltimore interviewing former railroad employees and local residents as an oral historian for the B&O RR Museum.

Corie Tarbet is teaching ninth-grade world history at the Hilton High School Center for International Studies. He is also the sponsor for Hilton's Model United Nations. **Kelly Turcic** works as the executive director of the Northern Mercer County United Way in Pennsylvania. She and her fiancé, Jonathan, are getting married in July. **Carla Villar** works at Nordstrom in Tysons Corner doing retail management. **Sharon Wilcox** lives in Germantown, Md., and works for the Defenders of Wildlife in Washington, D.C.

Allison Walin is working on her Ph.D. in psychology at the U. of California at Irvine. **Chris Winslow** joined the U.S. Navy Reserve as an intelligence specialist and continues to serve as a legislative assistant to Delegate Rob Bell (R-Albemarle) in the Virginia General Assembly. **Mary Woodie** lives in Woodbridge and is planning an October wedding to her fiancé, Joseph Church. She is currently working for the Spotsylvania Health Department as an environmental health specialist.

Amy Wilson '02 is engaged to her high-school sweetheart. **Sara Zuk** works as a case manager at the American Arbitration Association and is planning to attend Georgia State for her M.S.W. **Pam Kirby** still lives in New York City and works at MTV on a hip-hop show called Direct Effect.

In Memoriam

Elizabeth Cooke Flippo
Iva Clemons Yarlick
Lula French Crockett '18
Cecily Brown '27
Margruette Rose Leathers Cutchin '27
Edna French Pilcher '27
Edith Boulware Carter '30
Elvere Conner Cox '30
Eleanor E. Hall '30
Evelyn Robinson Woolfolk '30
Emily Thruston Llewellyn '31
Julia Marie Heflin '32
Julia Boston Bartha '33
Jewelle Apperson Scholl '33
Mary Easley Tarpley '33
Betsy Rigby McClain '34
Maryjane Crafton Eggborn '35
Genevieve Monta Eggler '35
Helen Shurtleff Tyra '35
Iva Lee Fairey '37
Elizabeth Osborn Ward '37
Ida Lee Twiss Blick '38
Merrell Shapleigh Gresham '38
Nina Ruth Everton Seager '38
Maree Bock '39
Frances Cox '39
Mabel Moffitt Evans '39
Ruth Hooker Garner '39
Gladys Dickerson Kirk '39
Mary Davenport Steed '39
Lenora Weiss Cowdrey '40
Senora Rawls Tomlinson '40
Myra Butterworth '41
Mary Martin '41
Grace Cureton Brown '42
Caroline Muirhead Ellwood '42
Dorothy Mae Lambert Sargent '42
Madeline Warren Tomlinson '42
Mary Dudley McMillan Wingfield '42
Helen Kessler Cullen '43
Anne Clarke Mann '43
Hope F. Minor '43
Natalie Moore Spears '43
Lillie Macheras Babalas '45
Phyllis Schworm DuVal '45
Frances Weisiger Grubbs '45
Susie Bradner Vassar '45
Helen Epes Doyle Holden '46
Ada Farmer Criddle '47
Martha Hughes Dusch '47
Susan J. Stringfellow '47
Doris Mingin Oakes '48
Irene C. Bornemann Groff '49
Jean Butler Lancaster '49
Jane Dunkley McClure '49
Alice Sampson Bonan '50
Martha Carr Huddleston '50
Mary-Jane Redman '50
Jo Alys Downs '51
Shirley Wallace Eubank '51
Helen Macheras Gregores '51
Diana Gay Buckwalter '52
Helen Reynolds Crews '53
Nancy Parmelee Smith '54
Sallie Hairston Bullock '56
Bitsy Carter Denton '56
Gladys Payne Gartlan '56
Patsy Eanes Robinson '56
Jane Stewart Janoski '57
Marden Ireland Bell '59
Carmen Culpeper Chappell '59
Arline Vaughan Wykle '60
Juliann Meyerhoffer Loftin Adkins '62
Nellie Peyronnet Drew '62
Margot Powell Harrell '63
Barbara Lewis Swenson '64
Joyce Epley Dutkin '66
Susan MacMurray Bradshaw '67
Mary Carlisle Andrews Wheatley '70
Catherine Thornhill Shull '72
Martha Schworm '74
Lorraine Sperlazza '78
Douglas M. Grant '82
Ann Hadley Storey '86
Glen M. Moon '91
Judith Ann Hise '92
Marcia J. Clark '96
Debra Lee Robey '96
Alexander Jay Naden '03

Condolences

Virginia Lewis Dalton '40, who lost her brother
Muriel Clements Garrison '44, who lost her husband
Nancy Kauffman Cotten '48, who lost her husband
Virginia Spickard Manson '48, who lost her husband
Frances Pearson Moseley '48, who lost her husband
Josephine Drury '49, who lost her husband
Lucy-Mae Redman Munger '54, who lost her sister
Jacqueline McDaniel '57, who lost her daughter
Mary Bartha Nix '67, who lost her mother
Carol Matthews Engel '71, who lost her mother
Susan Frank '74, who lost her sister
Colleen M. Chruney Hood '88, who lost her husband
Karla Saylor Scarzafava '90, who lost her mother and father

Right fielder Drew Robertson '03 tied the MWC record for season home runs this year with eight, as the Eagle baseball team advanced to the NCAA Tournament for the eighth time.

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